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1 Summary

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2 NORSAR Operation

2.1 Detection Processor (DP) operation

There was 1 break in the otherwise continuous operation of the NORSAR online system within the current 6-month reporting interval. The uptime percentage for the period is 99.77 as as it was for the previous period.

Fig. 2.1.1 and the accompanying Table 2.1.1 both show the daily DP downtime for the days between 1 April - 30 September 1998. The monthly recording times and percentages are given in Table 2.1.2.

The breaks can be grouped as follows:

a)	Hardware failure	0
b)	Stops related to program work or error	0
c)	Hardware maintenance stops	0
d)	Power jumps and breaks	2
e)	TOD error correction	0
f)	Communication lines	0

The total downtime for the period was 10 hours and 16 minutes. The mean-time-between-failures (MBTF) was 93 days.

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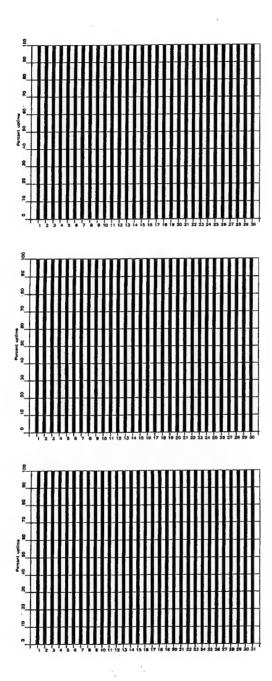


Fig. 2.1.1. Detection Processor uptime for April (top), May (middle) and June (bottom) 1998.

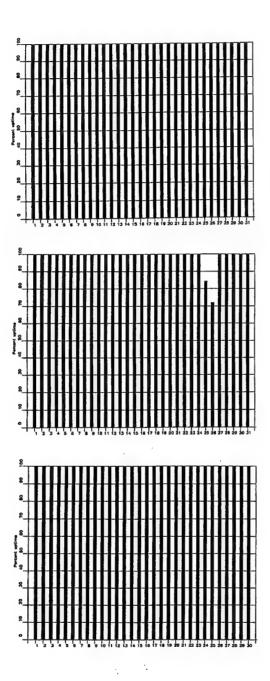


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Date	Time	Cause
25 Aug	2014 -	Power failure
26 Aug	- 062	21
26 Aug	1914 - 193	7 Power failure

Table 2.1.1. The major downtimes in the period 1 April - 30 September 1998.

Month	DP Uptime Hours	DP Uptime %	No. of DP Breaks	No. of Days with Breaks	DP MTBF* (days)
April	720.00	100	0	0	30.0
May	744.00	100	0	0	31.0
June	720.00	100	0	0	30.0
July	744.00	100	0	0	31.0
August	733.50	98.59	2	2	10.3
September	720.00	100	0	0	30.0
		99.77	2	2	

^{*}Mean-time-between-failures = total uptime/no. of up intervals.

Table 2.1.2. Online system performance, 1 April - 30 September 1998.

2.2 Array Communications

After completion of the NORSAR refurbishment project, the operation of the subarray communication lines has proceeded normally.

For a complete description of the NORSAR refurbishment project, reference is made to Section 4.1 of the NORSAR Semiannual Technical Summary, 1 April - 30 September 1995.

From April - September 1998, there were no significant communications outages at any of the NORSAR subarrays.

A simplified daily summary of the communications performance for the seven individual subarray lines is summarized, on a month-by-month basis, in Table 2.2.1.

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Table 2.2.1
NORSAR Communication Status Report
Month: April 1998

				Subarray			
Day	01A	01B	02B	02C	03C	04C	06C
01	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
03	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
04	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
05	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
07	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
08	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
09	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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16	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
25	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hours normal operation	720	718.70	719	720	720	720	720
% normal operation	100	99.82	99.86	100	100	100	100

X : Normal operations

A : All channels masked for more than 12 hours that day
B : All SP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day
C : All LP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day

I : Communication outage for more than 12 hours

Table 2.2.1 NORSAR Communication Status Report Month: May 1998

		*		Subarray			
Day	01A	01B	02B	02C	03C	04C	06C
01	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
03	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
04	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
05	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
07	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
08	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
09	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X
13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
16	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
17	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
21	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
22	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
23	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
25	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
28	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X
29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total hours normal operation	744	744	720	744	744	744	744
% normal operation	100	100	96.77	100	100	100	100

Normal operations

All channels masked for more than 12 hours that day В All SP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day C I : All LP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day

: Communication outage for more than 12 hours

Table 2.2.1 NORSAR Communication Status Report Month: June 1998

	Subarray						
Day	01A	01B	02B	02C	03C	04C	06C
01	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
03	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
04	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
05	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
07	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
08	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
09	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X
10	X	X	X	X	A	X	X
11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X
13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15	X	X	X	X	X	A	X
16	X	X	X	X	X	A	X
17	X	X	X	X	X	A	X
18	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
21	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
22	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
23	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24	X	X	A	X	X	X	X
25	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hours normal operation	720	720	698	720	672	668	720
% normal operation	100	100	96.94	100	93.33	92.78	100

Normal operations

All channels masked for more than 12 hours that day All SP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day В C All LP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day

: Communication outage for more than 12 hours

Table 2.2.1 NORSAR Communication Status Report Month: July 1998

				Subarray	1		
Day	01A	01B	02B	02C	03C	04C	06C
01	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
03	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
04	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
05	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
07	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
08	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
09	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
16	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
17	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
21	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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23	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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25	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total hours normal operation	743	744	744	744	743	695	744
% normal operation	99.87	100	100	100	99.87	93.41	100

X : Normal operations

A : All channels masked for more than 12 hours that day : All SP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day
: All LP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day
: Communication outage for more than 12 hours В Č I

Table 2.2.1 NORSAR Communication Status Report Month: August 1998

	Subarray						
Day	01A	01B	02B	02C	03C	04C	06C
01	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
03	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
04	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
05	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
07	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
08	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
09	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
16	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X
17	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
21	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
22	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
23	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
25	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
31	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total hours normal operation	733.5	733.5	733.5	733.5	733.5	732.5	733.5
% normal operation	98.59	98.59	98.59	98.59	98.59	98.45	98.59

Normal operations X

All channels masked for more than 12 hours that day
All SP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day

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All LP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day

CI Communication outage for more than 12 hours

Table 2.2.1 NORSAR Communication Status Report Month: September 1998

				Subarray	,		
Day	01A	01B	02B	02C	03C	04C	06C
01	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
03	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X
04	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
05	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
06	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
07	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
08	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
09	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
15	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
16	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
17	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
21	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
22	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
23	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
25	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
31	10.		-	-	-	-	-
Total hours normal operation	720	720	720	720	720	720	720
% normal operation	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

X : Normal operations

A : All channels masked for more than 12 hours that day
B : All SP channels masked for more than 12 hours that day
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2.3 NORSAR Event Detection operation

In Table 2.3.1 some monthly statistics of the Detection and Event Processor operation are given. The table lists the total number of detections (DPX) triggered by the on-line detector, the total number of detections processed by the automatic event processor (EPX) and the total number of events accepted after analyst review (teleseismic phases, core phases and total).

	Total	Total	Accepte	d events	Sum	Daily
	DPX	EPX	P-phases	Core Phases		
Apr 98	6815	787	249	66	315	10.5
May	4726	744	329	49	378	12.2
Jun	4935	725	301	43	344	11.5
Jul	6043	722	263	60	323	10.4
Aug	7202	775	302	47	349	11.3
Sep	6455	824	270	70	340	11.3
	36176	4577	1714	335	2049	11.2

Table 2.3.1. Detection and Event Processor statistics, 1 April - 30 September 1998.

NORSAR Detections

The number of detections (phases) reported by the NORSAR detector during day 091, 1998, through day 273, 1998, was 36,176, giving an average of 198 detections per processed day (183 days processed). Table 2.3.2 shows daily and hourly distribution of detections for NORSAR.

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Table 2.3.2. Daily and hourly distribution of NORSAR detections. For each day is shown the number of detections within each hour of the day and number of detections for that day. The end statistics give the total number of detections distributed for each hour and the total sum of detections during the period. The averages show number of processed days, hourly distribution and average per processed day. (Page 4 of 4)

3 Operation of Regional Arrays

3.1 Recording of NORESS data at NDPC, Kjeller

The average recording time was 97.46% as compared to 87.33% during the previous reporting period.

Table 3.1.1 lists the main outage times and reasons.

Date	Time	Cause
11 Apr	0222 -	Clock failure
15 Apr	- 0835	
26 Aug	0010 - 0629	Power failure

Table 3.1.1. Interruptions in recording of NORESS data at NDPC, 1 April - 30 September 1998.

Monthly uptimes for the NORESS on-line data recording task, taking into account all factors (field installations, transmissions line, data center operation) affecting this task were as follows:

April 98	:	85.79
May	:	99.99
June	:	100.00
July	:	99.94
August	:	99.07
September	:	9 9.98

Fig. 3.1.1 shows the uptime for the data recording task, or equivalently, the availability of NORESS data in our tape archive, on a day-by-day basis, for the reporting period.

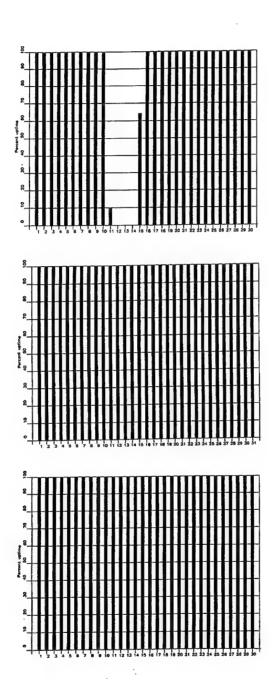


Fig. 3.1.1. NORESS data recording uptime for April (top), May (middle) and June (bottom) 1998.

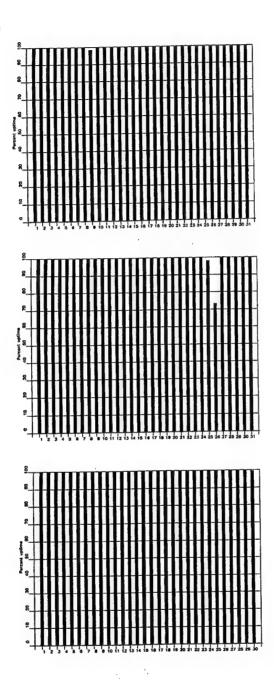


Fig. 3.1.1. (cont.) NORESS data recording uptime for July (top), August (middle) and September (bottom) 1998.

3.2 Recording of ARCESS data at NDPC, Kjeller

The average recording time was 99.72% as compared to 99.68% for the previous reporting period.

Table 3.2.1 lists the main outage times and reasons.

Date	Time	Cause
28 M ay	1455 - 1637	Power failure Hub
23 Aug	0113 - 0916	Hardware failure Hub

Table 3.2.1. The main interruptions in recording of ARCESS data at NDPC, 1 April - 30 September 1998.

Monthly uptimes for the ARCESS on-line data recording task, taking into account all factors (field installations, transmissions line, data center operation) affecting this task were as follows:

April 98	:	99.93%
May	•	99.75%
June	:	99.92%
July	:	99.97%
August	:	98.74%
September	:	99.99%

Fig. 3.2.1. shows the uptime for the data recording task, or equivalently, the availability of ARCESS data in our tape archive, on a day-by-day basis, for the reporting period.

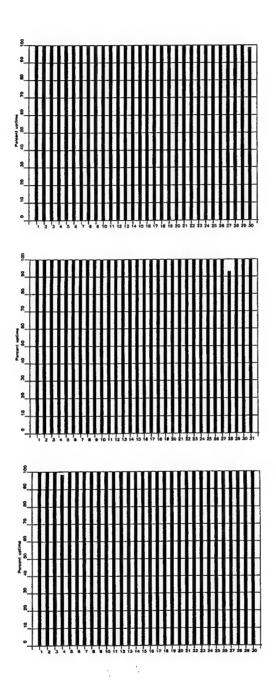


Fig. 3.2.1. ARCESS data recording uptime for April (top), May (middle) and June (bottom) 1998.

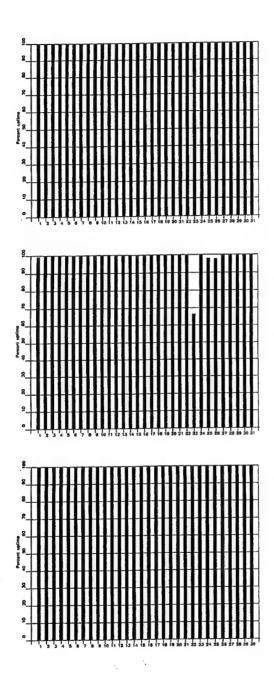


Fig. 3.2.1. (cont.) ARCESS data recording uptime for July (top), August (middle) and September (bottom) 1998.

3.3 Recording of FINESS data at NDPC, Kjeller

The average recording time was 97.71% as compared to 99.81% for the previous reporting period.

Date	Time	Cause
14 Apr	1538 -	Transmission line failure
15 Apr	- 04	53
01 May	1847 -	Problems in Helsinki
02 May	- 20	15
21 May	2320 -	Problems in Helsinki
22 May	- 09	40
28 May	2227 -	Problems in Helsinki
29 May	- 04	40
22 Jun	1813 -	Transmission line failure
23 Jun	- 18	13
01 Jul	1652 - 17	28 Transmission line failure
15 Aug	0031 - 09	56 Problems in Helsinki
10 Sep	1907 - 22	18 Transmission line failure
11 Sep	0007 - 03	Transmission line failure
16 Sep	1247 - 14	41 Problems in Helsinki
17 Sep	0122 - 05	24 Problems in Helsinki

Table 3.3.1. The main interruptions in recording of FINESS data at NDPC, 1 April - 30 September 1998.

Monthly uptimes for the FINESS on-line data recording task, taking into account all factors (field installations, transmission lines, data center operation) affecting this task were as follows:

April 98	:	98.16%
May	:	94.35%
June	:	96.67%
July	:	99.87%
August	:	98.92%
September	:	98.26%

Fig. 3.3.1 shows the uptime for the data recording task, or equivalently, the availability of FINESS data in our tape archive, on a day-by-day basis, for the reporting period.

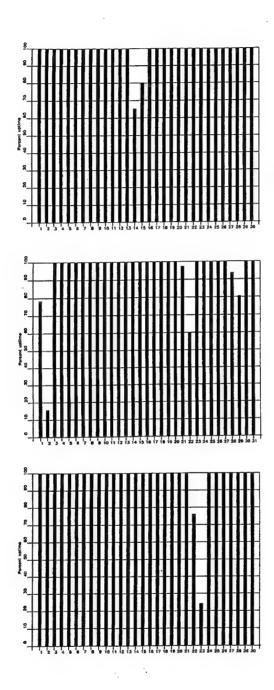


Fig. 3.3.1. FINESS data recording uptime for April (top), May (middle) and June (bottom) 1998.

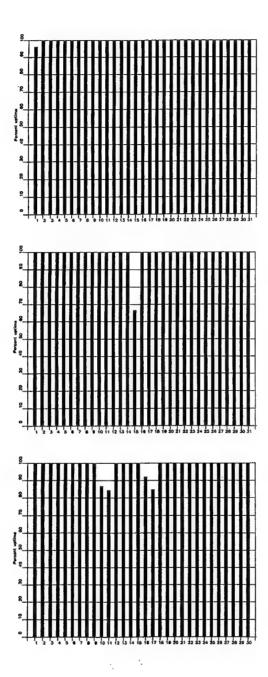


Fig. 3.3.1. (cont.) FINESS data recording uptime for July (top), August (middle) and September (bottom) 1998.

3.4 Recording of Spitsbergen data at NDPC, Kjeller

The average recording time was 99.07% as compared to 91.06% for the previous reporting period.

The main reasons for downtime follow:

Date	Ti	m	e	Cause
04 May	2250	-	2339	Transmission line failure
05 Jun	0804	-	1002	Transmission line failure
21 Jun	1715	-		Transmission line failure
22 Jun		-	1047	
25 Aug	2014	-		Power failure NDC
26 Aug		-	0631	

Table 3.4.1. The main interruptions in recording of Spitsbergen data at NDPC, 1 April - 30 September 1998.

Monthly uptimes for the Spitsbergen online data recording task, taking into account all factors (field installations, transmission line, data center operation) affecting this task were as follows:

April 98	:	99.99%
May	:	99.81%
June	:	97.06%
July	:	99.85%
August	:	97.85%
September	:	99.87%

Fig. 3.4.1 shows the uptime for the data recording task, or equivalently, the availability of Spitsbergen data in our tape archive, on a day-by-day basis for the reporting period.

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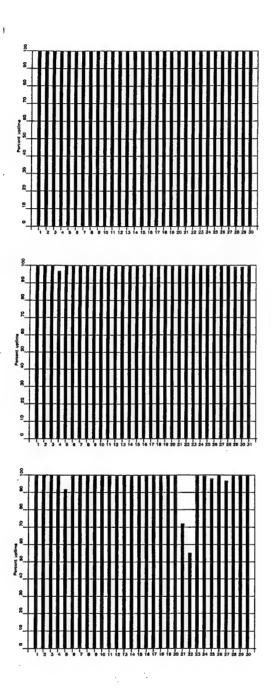


Fig. 3.4.1. Spitsbergen data recording uptime for April (top), May (middle) and June (bottom) 1998.

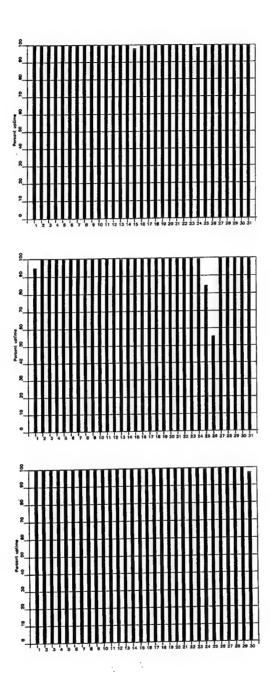


Fig. 3.4.1. (cont.) Spitsbergen data recording uptime for July (top), August (middle) and September (bottom) 1998.

3.5 Event detection operation

This section reports results from one-array automatic processing using signal processing recipes and "RONAPP" recipes for the ep program (NORSAR Sci. Rep. No 2-88/89).

Three systems are in parallel operation to associate detected phases and locate events:

- 1. The ep program with "RONAPP" recipes is operated independently on each array to obtain simple one-array automatic solutions.
- 2. The Generalized Beamforming method (GBF) (see F. Ringdal and T. Kværna (1989), a mulitchannel processing approach to real time network detection, phase association, and threshold monitoring, BSSA Vol 79, no 6, 1927-1940) processes the four arrays jointly and presents locations of regional events.
- 3. The RMS system Regional Monitoring System previously referred to as the IMS (Intelligent Monitoring System) is operated on the same set of arrivals as ep and GBF and reports also teleseismic events in addition to regional ones.

RMS results are reported in section 3.6.

NORESS detections

The number of detections (phases) reported from day 091, 1998, through day 273, 1998, was 49,871, giving an average of 277 detections per processed day (180 days processed).

Table 3.5.1 shows daily and hourly distribution of detections for NORESS.

Events automatically located by NORESS

During days 091, 1998, through 273, 1998, 2805 local and regional events were located by NORESS, based on automatic association of P- and S-type arrivals. This gives an average of 15.6 events per processed day (180 days processed). 56% of these events are within 300 km, and 81% of these events are within 1000 km.

ARCESS detections

The number of detections (phases) reported during day 091, 1998, through day 273, 1998, was 79,866, giving an average of 436 detections per processed day (183 days processed).

Table 3.5.2 shows daily and hourly distribution of detections for ARCESS.

Events automatically located by ARCESS

During days 091, 1998, through 273, 1998, 5654 local and regional events were located by ARCESS, based on automatic association of P- and S-type arrivals. This gives an average of 30.9 events per processed day (183 days processed). 47% of these events are within 300 km, and 87% of these events are within 1000 km.

FINESS detections

The number of detections (phases) reported during day 091, 1998, through day 273, 1998, was 53,654, giving an average of 293 detections per processed day (183 days processed).

Table 3.5.3 shows daily and hourly distribution of detections for FINESS.

Events automatically located by FINESS

During days 091, 1998, through 273, 1998, 3002 local and regional events were located by FINESS, based on automatic association of P- and S-type arrivals. This gives an average of 16.4 events per processed day (183 days processed). 68% of these events are within 300 km, and 86% of these events are within 1000 km.

GERESS detections

The number of detections (phases) reported from day 091, 1998, through day 273, 1998, was 42.918, giving an average of 235 detections per processed day (183 days processed).

Table 3.5.4 shows daily and hourly distribution of detections for GERESS.

Events automatically located by GERESS

During days 091, 1998, through 273, 1998, 4563 local and regional events were located by GERESS, based on automatic association of P- and S-type arrivals. This gives an average of 24.9 events per processed day (181 days processed). 71% of these events are within 300 km, and 88% of these events are within 1000 km.

Apatity array detections

The number of detections (phases) reported from day 091, 1998, through day 273, 1998, was 86,973, giving an average of 475 detections per processed day (183 days processed).

As described in earlier reports, the data from the Apatity array are transferred by one-way (simplex) radio links to Apatity city. The transmission suffers from radio disturbances that occasionally result in a large number of small data gaps and spikes in the data. In order for the communication protocol to correct such errors by requesting retransmission of data, a two-way radio link would be needed (duplex radio). However, it should be noted that noise from cultural activities and from the nearby lakes cause most of the unwanted detections. These unwanted detections are "filtered" in the signal processing, as they give seismic velocities that are outside accepted limits for regional and teleseismic phase velocities.

Table 3.5.5 shows daily and hourly distribution of detections for the Apatity array.

Events automatically located by the Apatity array

During days 091, 19987, through 273, 1998, 1431 local and regional events were located by the Apatity array, based on automatic association of P- and S-type arrivals. This gives an average

of 7.8 events per processed day (183 days processed). 37% of these events are within 300 km, and 67% of these events are within 1000 km.

Spitsbergen array detections

The number of detections (phases) reported from day 091, 1998, through day 273, 1998, was 149,399, giving an average of 816 detections per processed day (183 days processed).

Table 3.5.6 shows daily and hourly distribution of detections for the Spitsbergen array.

Events automatically located by the Spitsbergen array

During days 091, 1998, through 273, 1998, 12,479 local and regional events were located by the Spitsbergen array, based on automatic association of P- and S-type arrivals. This gives an average of 68.1 events per processed day (183 days processed). 49% of these events are within 300 km, and 75% of these events are within 1000 km.

Hagfors array detections

The number of detections (phases) reported from day 091, 1998, through day 273, 1998, was 59,996, giving an average of 333 detections per processed day (180 days processed).

Table 3.5.7 shows daily and hourly distribution of detections for the Hagfors array

Events automatically located by the Hagfors array

During days 091, 1998, through 273, 1998, 2045 local and regional events were located by the Hagfors array, based on automatic association of P- and S-type arrivals. This gives an average of 11.4 events per processed day (180 days processed). 35% of these events are within 300 km, and 77% of these events are within 1000 km

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Table 3.5.1. (Page 4 of 4) Daily and hourly distribution of NORESS detections. For each day is shown number of detections within each hour of the day, and number of detections for that day. The end statistics give total number of detections distributed for each hour and the total sum of detections during the period. The averages show number of processed days, hourly distribution and average per processed day.

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Table 3.5.2. (Page 4 of 4) Daily and hourly distribution of ARCESS detections. For each day is shown number of detections within each hour of the day, and number of detections for that day. The end statistics give total number of detections distributed for each hour and the total sum of detections during the period. The averages show number of processed days, hourly distribution and average per processed day.

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Table 3.5.3. (Page 4 of 4) Daily and hourly distribution of FINESS detections. For each day is shown number of detections within each hour of the day, and number of detections for that day. The end statistics give total number of detections distributed for each hour and the total sum of detections during the period. The averages show number of processed days, hourly distribution and average per processed day.

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Table 3.5.4. (Page 4 of 4) Daily and hourly distribution of GERESS detections. For each day is shown number of detections within each hour of the day, and number of detections for that day. The end statistics give total number of detections distributed for each hour and the total sum of detections during the period. The averages show number of processed days, hourly distribution and average per processed day.

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Table 3.5.5. (Page 4 of 4) Daily and hourly distribution of Apatity array detections. For each day is shown number of detections within each hour of the day, and number of detections for that day. The end statistics give total number of detections distributed for each hour and the total sum of detections during the period. The averages show number of processed days, hourly distribution and average per processed day.

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Table 3.5.6. (Page 4 of 4) Daily and hourly distribution of Spitsbergen array detections. For each day is shown number of detections within each hour of the day, and number of detections for that day. The end statistics give total number of detections distributed for each hour and the total sum of detections during the period. The averages show number of processed days, hourly distribution and average per processed day.

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Table 3.5.7. (Page 4 of 4) Daily and hourly distribution of Hagfors array detections. For each day is shown number of detections within each hour of the day, and number of detections for that day. The end statistics give total number of detections distributed for each hour and the total sum of detections during the period. The averages show number of processed days, hourly distribution and average per processed day

3.6 Regional Monitoring System operation

The Regional Monitoring System (RMS) was installed at NORSAR in December 1989 and was operated at NORSAR from 1 January 1990 for automatic processing of data from ARCESS and NORESS. A second version of RMS that accepts data from an arbitrary number of arrays and single 3-component stations was installed at NORSAR in October 1991, and regular operation of the system comprising analysis of data from the 4 arrays ARCESS, NORESS, FINESS and GERESS started on 15 October 1991. As opposed to the first version of RMS, this version also had the capability of locating events at teleseismic distance.

Data from the Apatity array were included on 14 December 1992, and from the Spitsbergen array on 12 January 1994. Detections from the Hagfors array were available to the analysts and could be added manually during analysis from 6 December 1994. After 2 February 1995, Hagfors detections were also used in the automatic phase association.

A major data base crash near the end of the reporting period stopped the second version of RMS and also prevented the production of phase and event statistics. At the time of writing, a third version of RMS is being installed at NORSAR. It will consist of newer editions of all software modules and will use the GBF (Generalized Beamforming) program as a pre-processor. All GBF events fulfilling certain magnitude and location conditions will be available to the analyst along with all phase detections from all the arrays, including the NORSAR array.

U. Baadshaug

4 Improvements and Modifications

4.1 NORSAR

NORSAR instrumentation

No significant change in the NORSAR instrumentation has been effected in the reporting period.

A block diagram of the remote sensor site components can be found in NORSAR Sci. Rep. No. 1-95/96.

NORSAR data acquisition

The Science Horizons XAVE data acquisition system has been operating satisfactorily during the reporting period. A block diagram of the digitizer and communication controller components is found in NORSAR Sci. Rep No 2-94/95.

NORSAR detection processing and feature extraction

The NORSAR detection processor has been running satisfactorily. To maintain consistent detection capability, the NORSAR beam tables have remained unchanged.

Detection statistics for the NORSAR array are given in section 2. A description of the NORSAR beamforming techniques can be found in NORSAR Sci. Rep. 2-95/96.

NORSAR event processing

The automatic routine processing of NORSAR events as described in NORSAR Sci. Rep. No. 2-93/94, has been running satisfactorily. The analyst tools for reviewing and updating the solutions have been continuously modified to simplify operations and improve results.

NOA processing at the PIDC

On 5 December 1997 the CCB report for including NOA in the GSETT-3 primary station network was reviewed and approved. Since 13 December 1997, the DFX has processed NOA data and arrivals have been associated and included in the REB. The performance of this process has been satisfactory, and has been verified by comparing to the results of our local detection/event processing system at NORSAR.

NORSAR data retention

We have initiated a project to copy historic NORSAR data from the original 1/2 inch magnetic tapes to modern storage media (on-line disk files and tape backup). As of 1 October 1998, one full year (1974) of data retained for the large NORSAR array (22 subarray configuration) has been copied. This project will continue until the entire data set has been saved in this way.

J. Fyen

5 Maintenance Activities

Activities in the field and at the Maintenance Center

This section summarizes the activities at the Maintenance Center (NMC) Hamar, and includes activities related to monitoring and control of the NORSAR teleseismic array, as well as the NORESS, ARCESS, FINESS, GERESS, Apatity, Spitsbergen, and Hagfors small-aperture arrays.

Activities also involve preventive and corrective maintenance, planning and activities related to the refurbishment of the NORSAR teleseismic array.

NORSAR

Visits to subarrays in connection with:

- · Cable splicing
- · Replacement of defective equipment
- Preventive maintenance of Central Terminal Vault (CTV) and Long Period Vault (LPV)

NORESS

Replaced GPS synchronized clock

NMC

Repair of defective electronic equipment

Additional details for the reporting period are provided in Table 5.1.

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Subarray/ area	Task	Date
	April 1998	
NORESS	Replaced GPS synchronized clock	April
NMC	Repair of defective electronic equipment.	April
	May 1998	
NORSAR		May
02B	Reset 48 VDC power supply	7/5
04C	Installed an SP seismometer i BB borehole for coherence tests with SP05	8/5
01A	Installed dc/dc converter card at SP01	13/5
01A	Cable splicing SP01	14-15/5
02B	Installed d/dc converter card at SP01	19/5
01B	Cable splicing at SP01	25-27/5
01A	Cable splicing at SP02	27/5
01B	Cable splicing at SP01	28-29/5
NMC	Repair of defective electronic equipment.	May
	June 1998	
NORSAR		June
01B	Cable splicing SP01 and SP05	2-5/6
04C	Installed an SP seismometer in the empty BB borehole for coherence tests with SP05 instrument	8/6
01A	Preventive maintenance in CTB and LTV	9/6
01B	Preventive maintenance in CTB and LTV	10/6
02C	Preventive maintenance in CTB and LTV	10/6
02B	Preventive maintenance in CTB and LTV	11/6
03C	Preventive maintenance in CTB and LTV	11/6

Subarray/ area	Task	Date
04C	Preventive maintenance CTV and LPV	12/6
06C	Preventive maintenance CTV and LPV	15/6
01B	Cable splicing SP02	29-30/6
NMC	Repair of defective electronic equipment.	June
	July 1998	
NORSAR		July
06C	Cable splicing SP03	1-2/7
06C	Polarity check of the KS-54000 seismometer	3/7
01B	Cable splicing SP02	8/7
01B	Cable splicing SP01	14/7
01B	Cable splicing SP05	20/7
04C	Cable splicing SP01	21/7
02B	AIM-24 digitizer at SP03 taken to NMC for repair	22/7
02B	Reinstallation of AIM-24 digitizer at remote site SP03	23/7
NMC	Repair of defective electronic equipment.	July
	August 1998	
NORSAR		August
01B	Cable splicing SP01	4-7/8
01B	Cable splicing SP05	10-11/8
01B	Reinstalled AIM-24 digitizer at remote sites SP01 and SP05. There are still problems with interference from a 50 Hz high voltage power line going parallel with our cable for some miles. The transmission of data from the remote sites was not running well, and both sites had to be disconnected	14/8
01B	Cable work SP01 and SP05	17/8
02C	Installed new vault lid at SP02	26/8

Subarray/ area	Task	Date
02C	Installed new vault lid at SP01	28/8
NMC	Repair of defective electronic equipment.	August
	September 1998	
NORSAR		Septem- ber
01B	Measuring of mismatch and attenuation in the transmission lines to SP01 and SP05	2/9
01B	Matching the modem impedance to the cable impedance for transmission lines going to SP01 and SP05. There are still problems with interference from the high voltage power line going parallel with our cable for some miles	4/9
NMC	Repair of defective electronic equipment	Septem- ber

Table 5.1. Activities in the field and the NORSAR Maintenance Center during 1 April - 30 September 1998.

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7 Summary of Technical Reports / Papers Published

7.1 Seismic monitoring of the Barents/Kara sea region

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Introduction

During the last decade, a network of sensitive regional arrays has been installed in northern Europe in preparation for the global seismic monitoring network under a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty (CTBT). This regional network, which comprises stations in Fennoscandia, Spitsbergen and NW Russia, provides a detection capability for the Barents/Kara Sea region that is close to $m_h = 2.5$, using the generalized beamforming method for phase association and initial location estimates. Several low-magnitude seismic events have been detected and located during this period, including 31 December 1992 ($m_h = 2.7$), 13 June 1995 ($m_h = 2.7$) 3.5), 13 January 1996 ($m_b = 2.4$) and 16 August 1997 ($m_b = 3.5$ and 2.6). While this demonstrates that the detection and location capability of the regional network is outstanding, source classification of these events has proved very difficult. Thus, even for the $m_b = 3.5$ events in 1995 and 1997, we have been unable to provide a confident classification of the source as either an earthquake or an explosion using available discriminants. In particular, the seismic event near Novaya Zemlya on 16 August 1997 at 02:11 GMT has been the subject of extensive analysis in order to locate it reliably and to classify the source type. Some scientists have forwarded arguments that this event could be confidently classified as an earthquake, especially based on observed P/S ratios. In this paper we consider some of this evidence in light of other observations of earthquakes and explosions in the region, including NORSAR recordings of past underground nuclear explosions. We show that there is an apparent source scaling of the P/S ratio of Novaya Zemlya explosions recorded at NORSAR in such a way that the larger explosions have a relatively high P/S ratio. Such an effect would make a reliable comparison difficult between P/S ratios of small and large events. Furthermore, this amplitude ratio shows large variability for the same source type and similar propagation paths. This effect is most pronounced at far-regional distances and relatively low frequencies (typically 1-3 Hz), but it is also significant on closer recordings (around 10 degrees) and at higher frequencies.

Objective

This work represents a continued effort to study earthquakes and explosions in the Barents/ Kara Sea region, which includes the Russian nuclear test site at Novaya Zemlya. The overall objective is to characterize the seismicity of this region, to investigate the detection and location capability of regional seismic networks and to study various methods for screening and identifying seismic events in order to improve monitoring of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. In particular, the task includes investigating the possibilities and limitations of utilizing the P/S ratio to characterize seismic events at low magnitudes in this region.

Research accomplished

Detection and location capability of the regional network

Seismicity studies

NORSAR has for many years been cooperating with the Kola Regional Seismological Centre (KRSC) of the Russian Academy of Sciences in the continuous monitoring of seismic events in North-West Russia and adjacent sea areas.

KRSC began its seismic network processing in 1982. Initially, this was done primarily by processing data from the KRSC network of seismological stations, but in recent years the analysis has been supplemented with data from IRIS stations (KBS, LVZ, KEV, ARU, ALE, NRI, etc.) and the Scandinavian seismic arrays (ARCESS, SPITS, FINESS, HFS, NORESS) for analyzing of the most interesting events. NORSAR has carried out similar analyses based primarily on the Scandinavian arrays, but in recent years supplemented with data provided by KRSC.

The seismicity of the Barents/Kara sea region is quite low, as discussed by Ringdal (1997). This is illustrated in Fig. 7.1.1 which shows the epicenters in northern Europe and adjacent areas determined in the Revised Event Bulletin of the GSETT-3 IDC during 1995-1997. Because of the high-quality coverage of regional arrays in Fennoscandia, a large number of seismic events (mostly mining explosions) are detected in this region. The seismic event occurrence is also very high in the Spitsbergen area and offshore Norway (to the north and west). These events are presumably mostly earthquakes.

On the other hand, the figure shows that there are almost no recorded events in the region comprising the eastern part of the Barents sea, the Kara Sea, Novaya Zemlya and the northern part of Russia (excluding Kola). While the GSETT-3 network has a lower detection capability in this region compared to Fennoscandia, its capability is nevertheless around magnitude 3.0-3.5 and it is thus clear that seismic events of such magnitudes or larger occur rather infrequently in the region specified above. This is further illustrated in Fig. 7.1.2 which shows the low-magnitude events detected by the Barents regional array network since 1990. Only two additional events during 1995-97 have been located by this network.

Event location

The IASPEI-91 model is not suitable for the Barents region (Ringdal et al, 1997a), and it has therefore been necessary to study local travel-time curves using data from a set of strong explosions with known locations, including an underground calibration explosion carried out in the Khibiny Massif (29.09.1996, 350 ton), see Ringdal et al (1996).

We have attempted to fit a one-dimensional velocity model to agree with these results. This has resulted in the compilation of a model which is a combination of the NORSAR model for smaller depths (up to 200 km) and IASPEI-91 at greater depths. To validate the model we have relocated several large nuclear explosions at Novaya Zemlya, as well as the presumed earth-quake on 1 August 1986 (see Asming et al, 1998). The study has shown that the locations by the regional network are within 5-10 km of the locations obtained by joint hypocentral determination (JHD) using world-wide data.

This documented consistency with precise global network locations is especially important since we are able to use the regional network to locate events far smaller than those which can be detected teleseismically. For example, the KRSC network was the only network with sufficient data to locate reliably the smallest recorded nuclear explosion on the Novaya Zemlya test site (m_b =3.8) on August 26, 1984 (Mikhailov et. al., 1996). The result is shown in Fig. 7.1.3. Our estimated epicentral coordinates of this explosion are 73.326 N, 54.763 E, thus placing the event (as expected) at the nuclear test site.

The table of low-magnitude events in Ringdal (1997) has been supplemented by more recent information as summarized in Table 7.1.1. The most important new information concerns the new location of the 26 August 1984 nuclear explosion mentioned above, a confirmation of the 25 August 1987 event as a 1 kiloton chemical explosion (Khristoforov, 1996), and the two seismic events on 16 August 1997, the second of which was located by Ringdal et al (1997b) (see also Richards and Kim, 1997).

Table 7.1.1. Low magnitude (mb<5.0) seismic events in the NZ region since 1980

Date/time	Location	m _b	Comment
26.08.84/ 03.30.00	73.326 N, 54.763 E	3.8	Located by Asming et al (1998)
01.08.86/ 13.56.38	72.945 N, 56.549 E	4.3	Earthquake according to Marshall et.al. (1989)
25.08.87 / 14.00.00	73.380 N, 54.780 E	3.2	Chemical explosion-974 ton (Khristoforov, 1996)
12.31.92/ 09.29.24	73.600 N, 55.200 E	2.7	Located by Scandinavian regional network
13.06.95/ 19.22.38	75.170 N, 56.740 E	3.5	Reported in REB, relocated by Ringdal (1997)
13.01.96/ 17.17.23	75.240 N, 56.660 E	2.4	Not in REB, located by Ringdal (1997)
16.08.97 02.11.00	72.510 N, 57.550 E	3.5	Reported in REB, relocated by Ringdal et al (1997b)
16.08.97 06.19.10	72.510 N, 57.550 E	2.6	Not in REB, located by Ringdal et al (1997b)

The smallest of the two events on 16 August 1997 was, as mentioned above, first reported by NORSAR, and represents a rather interesting example of low-level detection. Only one of the Fennoscandian stations (Spitsbergen) had an automatic detection of this event, and only the P-phase was detected. After analysis at NORSAR and KRSC, we quickly succeeded in locating this event on the basis of Spitsbergen P and S (visually detected, see Fig. 7.1.4), and a visual confirmation of both P and S at Kevo. Some weeks later, the Amderma data tapes became available, and the event could be further confirmed as being located at almost exactly the same

point as the first event (Fig. 7.1.5 and 7.1.6). The SNR of both events as recorded by Amderma is remarkably high.

Study of P/S ratios observed at NORSAR

NORSAR recordings of Novaya Zemlya events

The NORSAR large array has an extensive database of recordings from events near Novaya Zemlya, including some nuclear explosions with magnitudes similar to those of the 16 August event and the nearby presumed earthquake of 1 August 1986 (Ringdal, 1997). It is therefore of interest to compare the P/S ratios for these events, as recorded by individual sensors in the array. In the following, we give some comments on these observations.

Figures 7.1.7 and 7.1.8 show recordings at the center seismometer of each of 5 NORSAR subarrays for the presumed earthquake of 1 Aug 1986 and the nuclear explosion of 9 Oct 1977. These events have similar magnitudes (4.3 and 4.5) and are also at similar epicentral distance (~20 degrees) and azimuth. The data have been filtered in the band 1.0-3.0 Hz. The following observations can be made:

- The P/S ratios show very large variability across the array for both events.
- For each sensor pair, the P/S ratios are quite similar, although P/S is slightly smaller on average for the presumed earthquake
- The variability in the P/S ratios is dominated by strong P-wave focusing effects across NORSAR

While it is seen that the P/S for the presumed earthquake is generally slightly smaller than for the explosion (as might be expected), it is in fact *larger* for one of the sensors (NBO00).

It may be concluded from these two figures that P/S in this frequency band is not a very powerful discriminant when using data recorded at a single array or station. Clearly, better performance might be expected if data from a large range of azimuths are available, but the overall performance of this discriminant is still questionable. Recent studies for Central Asia (Hartse et al, 1997), have shown that the P/S discriminant for that region appears to be effective at frequencies above 4 Hz, but performs poorly for frequencies below 4 Hz. At NORSAR, there is almost no significant S-wave energy above 4 Hz, so we are restricted to considering the lower frequencies for Novaya Zemlya events.

NORSAR recordings of a Kola nuclear explosion

In order to illustrate the behavior of the P/S discriminant at higher frequencies (3-5 Hz), we show in Fig. 7.1.9 the pattern of P/S ratios across the full NORSAR array (22 subarrays, center sensors) for the nuclear explosion in the Kola Peninsula on 4 September 1972. This explosion had an epicentral distance of only about 10 degrees, and consequently we see a fair amount of high-frequency energy both for the P and the S phase.

It is clear from this figure that the P/S ratio varies considerably across NORSAR even in the frequency range 3-5 Hz. Fig. 7.1.10 shows a comparison of the two neighboring subarrays 02C and 03C, situated less than 30 km apart. The relative difference in P/S ratio is about a factor of

4 between these two seismometers. Thus, any P/S ratio factor at a single station of 4 or less will not be sufficient to separate different seismic sources.

Source scaling of the P/S ratio

To our knowledge, only one station at a regional distance, the NORSAR array, has available digital recordings of both large and small nuclear explosions from Novaya Zemlya. It may be instructive to study the P/S pattern of these explosions as a function of the event size.

In order to accomplish this, we have used the one NORSAR sensor (01A01) that has dual gain recording (the usual high-gain channel and a channel that is attenuated by 30dB). The attenuated channel has been available since 1976, and therefore provides a good data base of unclipped short period recordings of Novaya Zemlya explosions.

Figure 7.1.11 shows a selection of nuclear explosions recorded at 01A01, with magnitudes ranging from 3.8 (26 August 1984) to 6.0 (10 August 1978). The data have been filtered in the band 1.0-3.0 Hz. There is a remarkable and systematic increase in the P/S ratio with increasing magnitude. This demonstrates that comparing the P/S ratios of large and small events could easily give misleading conclusions.

An illustration, in an expanded scale, for two of these explosions is shown in Figure 7.1.12. The difference between these two explosions is in fact rather similar to the differences seen for the Kevo recordings shown by Richards and Kim (1997), which likewise compares a large and a small seismic event. Admittedly, the Kevo recordings are in a higher frequency band, but there is clearly reason for caution in interpreting the Kevo plots based on the results discussed above.

Because of the large epicentral distance of NORSAR from the test site, there is no appreciable high-frequency energy in the NORSAR recordings. Consequently, we have not been able to assess the possible source scaling of the P/S ratio for frequencies of 3 Hz and above. It would seem reasonable that such a source scaling might in fact be present also at these higher frequencies, but this needs to be further studied.

Conclusions and recommendations

This paper demonstrates that the excellent capabilities of the IMS network for the Barents/Kara Sea region can be further improved by taking advantage of the regional seismic network in northern Europe. The paper presents analyses of some other interesting seismic events occurring in the region in recent years, including the small (m_b=3.8) nuclear explosion on 26 August 1984. Further work should be carried out, especially using data from the Amderma station, to obtain additional information on the seismicity of the Barents/Kara sea region at low event magnitudes.

Case studies, some of which are discussed briefly in this paper, have demonstrated that traditional regional discriminants are not effective for separating between seismic source types at low event magnitudes in this region. In particular, the authors conclude that the P/S ratio, even at high frequencies, is rather unstable and should not be relied upon for regional event discrimination. The authors of this paper disagree with those scientists who have claimed that the 16

August 1997 events can be positively identified as earthquakes on the basis of seismological evidence. On the other hand, neither is there any seismological evidence to confidently classify these events as explosions. In the opinion of these authors, the source type of these two events remains unresolved.

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GSETT-3 events 1995-1997

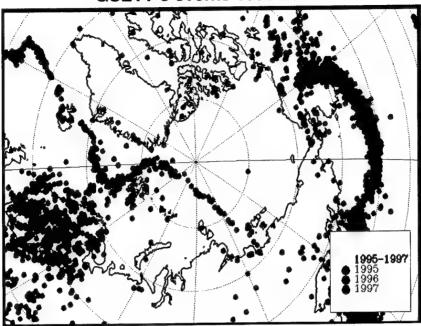


Fig. 7.1.1. Epicenters in northern Europe and adjacent areas determined in the Revised Event Bulletin of the GSETT-3 IDC during 1995-1997. Note the large number of seismic events (mostly mining explosions) in Fennoscandia and the high seismicity in the Spitsbergen area and offshore Norway (mostly earthquakes). Also note the low observed seismicity in the Barents/Kara sea region.

Recent Seismic Events near Novaya Zemlya

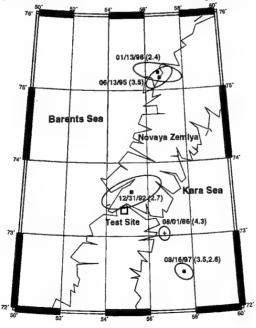


Fig. 7.1.2. Location of some recent low-magnitude seismic events near Novaya Zemlya using data from the stations in the regional array network in northern Europe.

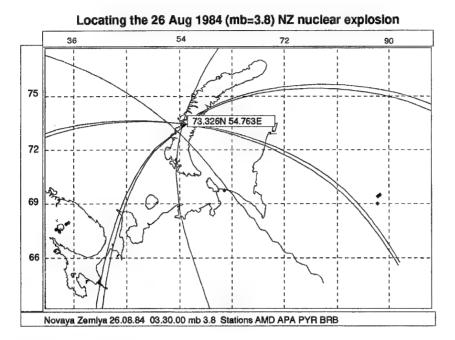


Fig. 7.1.3. Location of the smallest recorded Soviet nuclear explosion (26 August 1984, m_b =3.8) at Novaya Zemlya using data by the stations PYR, BRB, APA and AMD.

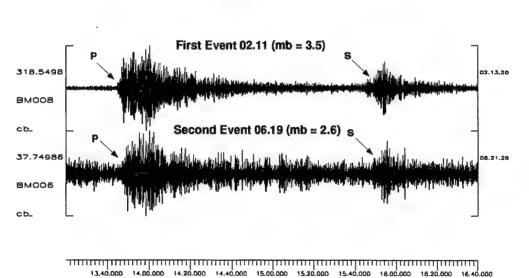


Fig. 7.1.4. Recordings by the Spitsbergen array of the two events on 16 August 1997. The traces are array beams steered towards the epicenter, and with an S-type apparent velocity in order to enhance the S-phase. The traces are filtered in the 4-8 Hz band. Note that the traces are very similar, although not identical. The scaling factor in front of each trace is indicative of the relative size of the two events.

Amderma 3-Component Recordings - Kara Sea First Event (mb = 3.5) on 16 August 1997 Filter 2-16 Hz 29968.72 AMD.SZ P S 34726.17 AMD.SN P S 11.20.000 11.40.000 12.00.000 12.20.000 13.00.000 13.00.000 13.00.000 14.00.000 14.00.000 14.20.000

Fig 7.1.5. Recordings by the Amderma 3-component center station of the first seismic event on 16 August 1997. The traces are filtered in the 2-16 Hz band. The scaling factor in front of each trace is indicative of the event size.

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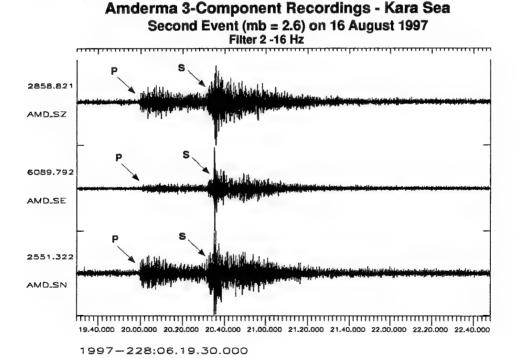


Fig 7.1.6. Recordings by the Amderma 3-component center station of the second seismic event on 16 August 1997. Note the high SNR even for this small $(m_b=2.6)$ event.

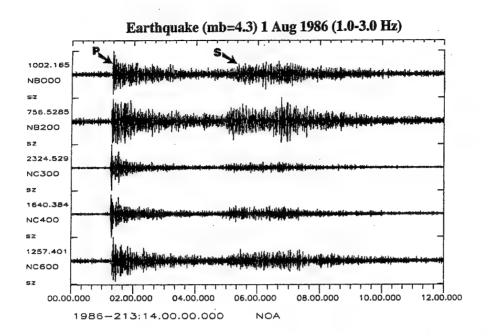


Fig. 7.1.7. Selected NORSAR SP seismometer recordings for the Novaya Zemlya presumed earthquake of 1 August 1986. Note the strong variation in relative strength of the P and S phases across the array.

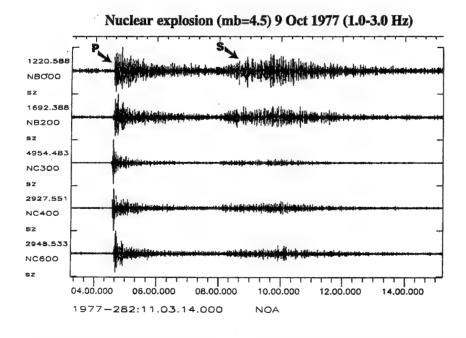
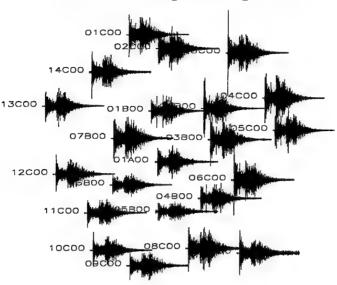


Fig. 7.1.8. Selected NORSAR SP seismometer recordings for the Novaya Zemlya nuclear explosion of 9 October 1977. Note the similarity to Fig. 7.1.7 as to the relative strength of P and S phases pairwise for the same instruments, as well as the similarity in variation across the array.

NORSAR amplitude pattern



P and S waves (3.0-5.0 Hz)

Nuclear explosion in Kola (mb=4.5) 4 Sep 1972

Fig. 7.1.9. Amplitude pattern across NORSAR for the P and S phase of the Kola nuclear explosion on 4 September 1972 (distance 10 degrees). The data have been filtered in the 3-5 Hz band. Note the strong variation in P/S ratios.

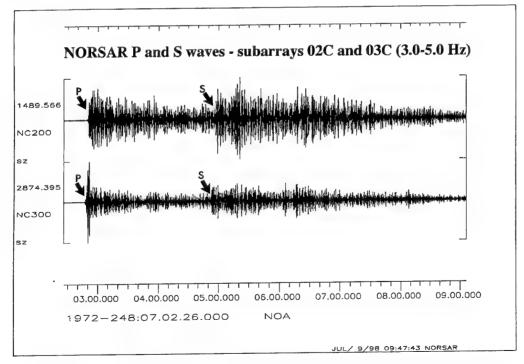


Fig. 7.1.10. NORSAR recordings at subarrays 02C and 03C (center sensors) of the Kola Peninsula nuclear explosion in Fig. 7.1.9 (filter band 3-5 Hz). The P/S ratios differ by a factor of 4.

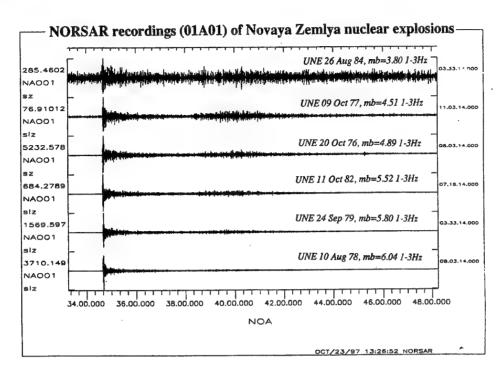


Fig. 7.1.11. NORSAR recordings (seismometer 01A01) of six Novaya Zemlya nuclear explosions of varying magnitudes. The data have been filtered in the 1-3 Hz band. Note the systematic increase in P/S ratio with increasing magnitude.

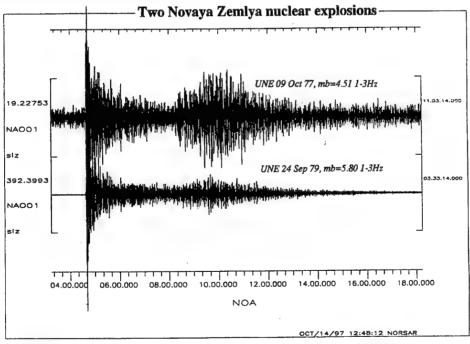


Fig. 7.1.12. NORSAR recordings (seismometer 01A01) of two of the Novaya Zemlya nuclear explosions shown in Fig. 7.1.11. The top trace shows a small explosion (m_b =4.5), whereas the bottom trace shows a large explosion (m_b =6.0). The vertical scale has been amplified to highlight the difference in P/S ratio between the two events.

7.2 Optimized Threshold Monitoring

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Summary

In order to enhance the automatic monitoring capability of particularly interesting areas, we have analyzed events from the region around the Novaya Zemlya (NZ) nuclear test site to come up with a set of optimized processing parameters for the arrays SPITS, ARCES, FINES, and NORES. From analysis of the tuning events we have derived values for beamforming steering delays, filter bands, STA lengths, phase travel-times, and amplitude-magnitude relationships for each array. By using these parameters for Threshold Monitoring (TM) of the NZ testing area, we obtain a monitoring capability varying between m_b 2.0 and 2.5 during normal noise conditions. The advantage of using a network, rather than a single station or array, for monitoring purposes becomes particularly evident during intervals with high global seismic activity (aftershock sequences), high seismic noise levels (wind, water waves, ice cracks) or station outages. For the time period November-December 1997, all time intervals with network magnitude thresholds exceeding mb 2.5 were manually analyzed, and we found that all these threshold peaks could be explained by teleseismic, regional, or local signals from events outside the NZ testing area. We could therefore conclude at the 90% confidence level that no seismic event of magnitude exceeding 2.5 occurred at the Novaya Zemlya test site during this twomonth time interval.

To obtain a fully automatic monitoring procedure, we have started to investigate the possibility of utilizing detector information for labelling the threshold peaks. Results so far indicate that the azimuth and slowness estimates of the detected phases at the individual arrays can be effectively used for such labelling. It is, however, important to identify azimuth and slowness estimates that are likely to be incorrect, e.g., by introducing additional quality criteria.

Objective

The objective of this work has been to improve the Threshold Monitoring (TM) algorithm for use in monitoring compliance with the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. In particular, we have investigated improvements associated with the use of station-specific travel-time and slowness/azimuth corrections, optimized bandpass filters for sites to be monitored, and integration of results with traditional detectors.

Research accomplished

Experimental Threshold Monitoring of the Novaya Zemlya (NZ) Test Site

We have improved the monitoring capability of the NZ Test Site by deriving optimized processing parameters for the SPITS array (see Fig. 7.2.1). At ARCES, FINES, and NORES, the processing parameters have previously been derived from recordings of underground nuclear explosions at the test site, but at SPITS no such recordings are available. For the SPITS array we have analyzed recordings of other events located in the vicinity of the island of Novaya Zemlya to come up with estimates of the processing parameters to be used for the actual test site. Key events in this analysis have been the m_b 3.5 event of June 13, 1995, located about 200

km north of the test site, and the two events (m_b 3.5 and 2.6) of August 16, 1997 located in the Kara Sea about 140 km south-east of the test site. A summary of the processing parameters for the four arrays is given in Table 7.2.1.

In order to investigate the utility of the TM method in an operational environment, we have implemented continuous calculation of the threshold level for the NZ test site using the four arrays shown in Fig. 7.2.1. Plots are generated for each day processed, and currently we have results available for 8 months since November 1, 1997. Figs. 7.2.2 and 7.2.3 show results from the monitoring study, and we now have such figures available for 6 months since November 1, 1997. In each figure, the network trace (*i.e.*, the combined threshold trace, using P-phases for all arrays and S-phases for ARCES and SPITS) is shown on the top. The traces for each of the four stations (P-phases only) are shown below the network trace.

Station	Dis- tance (km)	Phasé	Obs. slowness (s/deg)	Obs. back azimuth (s/deg)	Frequen- cy band (Hz)	STA lengt h	Trav- el time	Mag. cal- ib.	St. dev of cal- ib.
ARCES	1108.6	P	11.2	62.2	3.0 - 5.0	5.0	147.5	2.84	0.3
-	-	S	23.2	64.3	3.0 - 5.0	3.0	254.2	2.99	0.3
SPITS	1154.2	P	14.8	109.6	3.0 - 5.0	5.0	152.6	2.95	0.3
-	_	S	23.0	97.6	3.0 - 5.0	3.0	263.0	3.11	0.4
FINES	1776.9	P	11.6	29.6	2.0 - 4.0	1.0	224.2	2.78	0.3
NORES	2267.3	P	10.9	33.6	1.5 - 3.5	1.0	281.4	2.68	0.3

Table 7.2.1. TM processing parameters for the NZ Test Site

The first part of Fig. 7.2.2 (5 December 1997) shows thresholds during typical "quiet" conditions where the upper magnitude thresholds for possible events at the NZ test site fluctuate around m_b 2.0. Around noon that day, a large (M_S 7.7) earthquake occurred near the E. coast of Kamchatka, followed by a very large aftershock sequence. We note that the individual arrays have large numbers of peaks corresponding to these aftershocks, whereas the network threshold trace is much less influenced by the aftershock sequence, ensuring a monitoring capability below m_b 2.5 for almost the entire time period. However, we should add that the situation would have been quite different if the sequence has taken place near the target area for the monitoring.

Fig. 7.2.3 shows a second example, which covers 16 December 1997. Two important features are illustrated in this figure. First, the key array SPITS happened to be out of operation, resulting in a general deterioration of the combined network capability. Second, there was an unusually large increase in the background noise level at the other key array, ARCES. This increase was caused by a very strong storm system moving through northern Norway at that time, producing increased microseismic noise at ARCES over the entire frequency spectrum. In spite of the coincidence of these two unfavorable factors, we note that the network threshold trace still, in general, remains below magnitude 2.5. There are about 10 peaks slightly exceeding 2.5 this day, but they can all be "explained" as resulting from interfering events.

During November and December, 1997, we found 90 peaks on the network threshold trace that exceeded m_b 2.5, of which 73 were caused by teleseismic earthquakes, and in particular the

Kamchatka aftershock sequence. The remaining 17 peaks were correlated with small earth-quakes close to SPITS and some local events in Fennoscandia (mostly mining explosions).

During these two months, the continuous TM method was able to provide results that enabled monitoring of the NZ test site down to $m_b 2.0$ for most of the time period. All peaks exceeding mb 2.5 were correlated to events outside the target region, so we can therefore conclude at the 90% confidence level that no seismic event of magnitude exceeding 2.5 occurred at the NZ test site during the time period November - December, 1997.

Analyzing threshold traces using detector information

In an attempt to come up with an automatic analysis procedure for the Novaya Zemlya threshold traces, we have started to investigate the possibility of utilizing detector information for labelling the threshold peaks. The idea is to associate the peaks of the threshold traces with detected signals at the different arrays, and then use the signal measurements to characterize the signals as originating from sources **outside** the NZ test region.

In this initial study, we have focused on magnitude thresholds calculated from SPITS P-phases alone, but we could as well have used the network threshold trace as the basis. An example for the one hour time interval 19:00-20:00 on March 14, 1998, is shown in Fig. 7.2.4, and we refer to the figure text for details on the content of the different panels. During this one-hour interval we have found eight threshold peaks exceeding m_b 2.5, and two of these peaks reach the 3.5 level. Except for the detections associated with peak no. 7, all azimuth and slowness estimates differ by more than 18 s/deg from the predicted horizontal slowness of NZ P-phases. For the detections associated with peak no. 5, the differences are between 5 and 10 s/deg, which also is outside our area of interest. From manual analysis of the SPITS data we found that peak no. 7 was caused by a P-phase from an m_b 5.3 event located in northern Iran. The other peaks were all caused by events within 300 km of the SPITS array.

The most important conclusion from Fig. 7.2.4 is illustrated by the shaded region on the bottom panel. We note that none of the 8 peaks have slowness/azimuths near this shaded region, which corresponds to expected values for "real" NZ events. Thus it is possible to automatically explain all of the peaks as resulting from non-NZ events.

These results, and results from analysis of other time intervals, suggest that information provided by the automatic detection analysis can be effectively used to "explain" the peaks in the threshold trace calculated from a single array. We have so far only used the azimuth and slowness estimates, but additional measurements like frequency content, polarization attributes and estimates of the signal loss can also be considered. It is well known that automatic azimuth and slowness estimation in some cases produces erroneous results. This can be due to problems like wrong positioning of the analysis window, data errors, or low SNR. In addition, the array configuration limits the resolution of the slowness estimates. It will therefore be necessary to develop quality criteria for the azimuth and slowness estimates, so that we can recognize results that have a high likelihood of being wrong.

Conclusions and recommendations

For site-specific monitoring it is important to be aware that the main purpose of the threshold monitoring method is to call attention to any time instance when a given threshold is exceeded. This will enable analysts to focus their efforts on those events that are truly of interest in a monitoring situation. Other, traditional analysis tools will then be applied for detecting, locating and characterizing the source of the disturbance. We will, however, continue to develop the tools for automatic labelling the threshold peaks using information from the signal detector. In this way we hope to reduce the number of instances where manual analysis is needed for explaining the cause of the threshold peaks.

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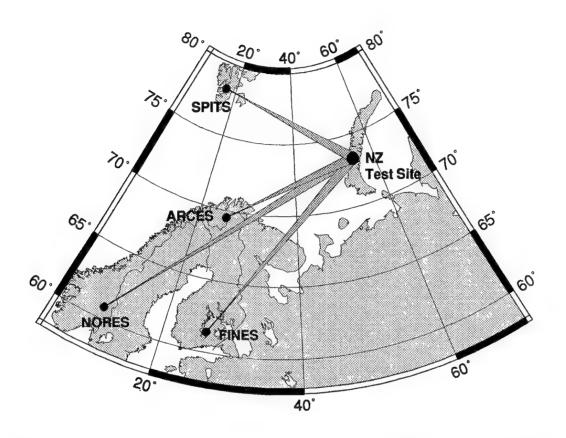


Fig. 7.2.1. Map of Novaya Zemlya and the locations of the four arrays (SPITS, ARCES, FINES, and NORES) used to monitor the region around the former underground nuclear test site.

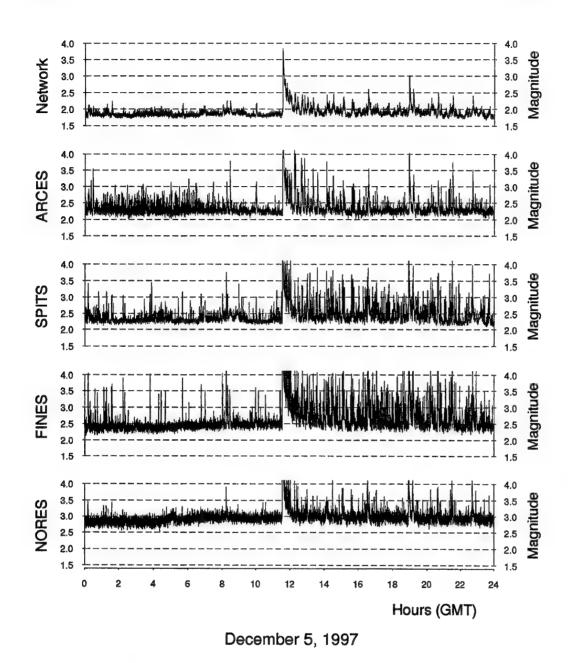


Fig. 7.2.2. Results from threshold monitoring of the Novaya Zemlya Test Site for December 5, 1997. The network trace on top is the combined threshold trace, using P phases for all arrays and in addition S phases for ARCES and SPITS. The traces for each of the four stations (P phases only) are shown below the network trace. The peaks starting around noon correspond to signals from a large (M_S 7.7) earthquake which occurred near the E. coast of Kamchatka, followed by a very large aftershock sequence. Notice that before the earthquake occurred there are no instances where the network threshold trace exceeds magnitude 2.5. Also notice that the individual arrays have large numbers of peaks corresponding to aftershocks, whereas the network threshold trace is much less influenced by the aftershock sequence.

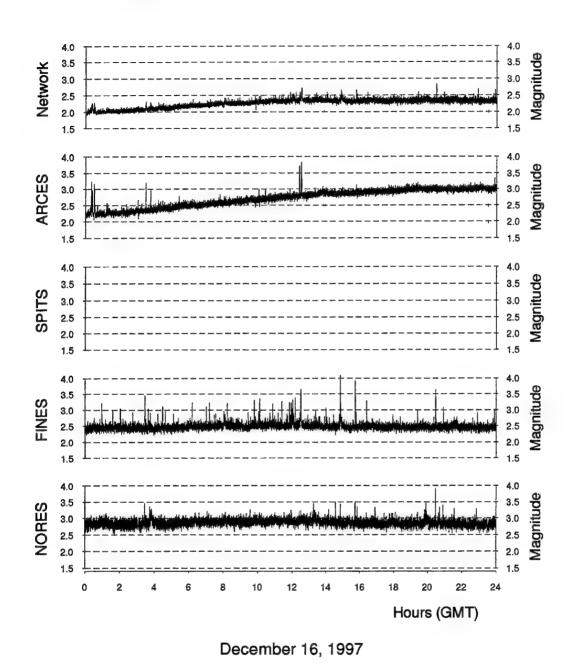


Fig. 7.2.3. Results from threshold monitoring of the Novaya Zemlya Test Site for December 16, 1997. Two important features are illustrated in this figure. First, the SPITS array happened to be out of operation, resulting in a general deterioration of the combined network capability. Second, there was an unusually large increase in the background noise level at the other key array, ARCES, caused by a very strong storm system moving through northern Norway at that time.

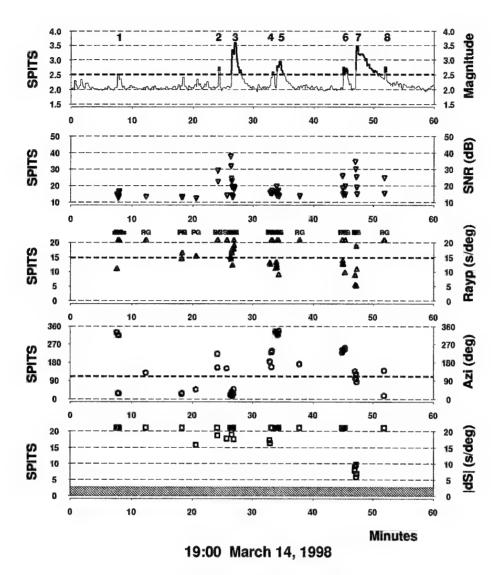


Fig. 7.2.4. Results from correlating NZ magnitude thresholds calculated from SPITS array data (P-phase only) with information from the signal detector. The upper panel shows the NZ magnitude thresholds for the one-hour interval 19:00-20:00 on March 14, 1998. Threshold peaks exceeding 2.5 are highlighted and labelled. The next four panels show different types of information from the signal detector.

Panel no. 2 shows the SNR (in dB) of the SPITS detections.

Panel no. 3 shows the estimated slownesses of the detections (in s/deg). Notice that slownesses exceeding 20 s/deg are plotted just above the 20 s/deg line. Local Rg phases at SPITS often have slownesses exceeding 70 s/deg. Phase type hypotheses based on the slowness estimates are plotted above the panel. The bold dashed line indicates the expected slowness of P-phases from events at the NZ test site (14.76 s/deg).

Panel no. 4 shows the estimated azimuths of the detections. The bold dashed line indicates the expected azimuth of P-phases from events at the NZ test site (109.6 deg).

Panel no. 5 shows the differences in horizontal slowness estimates between the detected signals and predicted P-phases from the NZ test site (in s/deg). Detections with differences exceeding 20 s/deg are plotted above the panel. The shaded region within 2.5 s/deg indicates the range of interest for NZ P-phases.

7.3 Norwegian Experience with IDC Metrics During GSETT-3

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts (GSE) Third Technical Test, GSETT-3, began full-scale operations on 1 January 1995. In 1997, the responsibility for GSETT-3 was transferred to PrepCom's Working Group on Verification, and the GSETT-3 system is now gradually evolving into the International Monitoring System for the CTBT.

Evaluation has been an essential component of and prerequisite for the success of GSETT-3. Numerous national studies have contributed to these evaluation studies, including a number of papers from Norway. With respect to IDC metrics, the Norwegian contributions have focused on issues such as

- · Metrics for event size
- · Metrics to define location accuracy
- · Metrics for capability estimation
- · Metrics for REB completeness
- · Metrics for event screening

This presentation gives an overview of some of the main experiences by Norway during GSETT-3, with emphasis on PIDC processing and results. Some more recent studies are also included. The paper focuses on issues and problems that are at the present time still not resolved, and gives suggestions for future improvements.

Metrics for event size

a) Body-wave magnitude m_b

Body-wave magnitude m_b has traditionally been the most common measure of the "size" of a seismic event. While this quantity is in general easy to measure at any given station, it shows a large variability across a seismic network for any given event. For this reason, it has been common practice to calculate the average magnitude measured at the individual stations of a network, and use this network magnitude as a best estimate.

It has long been recognized that this method can create a significant bias at low and intermediate magnitudes, because the stations which do not detect the event (usually those stations with the smallest signals) are selectively excluded from the averaging procedure. Figure 7.3.1 illustrates how this problem affects the magnitude-frequency relationship measured by the ISC network, when compared to NORSAR array magnitudes. It might be worth mentioning that under reasonable assumption, a single station or array produces an unbiased slope in this relationship, since the inherent scatter in single-station magnitudes merely shifts the baseline without affecting the slope (Ringdal, 1975). A similar result is found for IDC magnitudes, where the recurrence relations shows a slope significantly greated than 1.0 (see the IDC Performance Reports).

Looking at the same problem for a different angle, we have compared the IDC magnitudes to NORSAR magnitudes for a sequence of earthquakes from Greece in 1995 (Ringdal, 1995). Figure 7.3.2 illustrates the magnitude-dependent bias in both IDC and PDE magnitudes as compared to the "unbiased" NORSAR m_b.

The maximum-likelihood method (Ringdal, 1976) offers a means to compensate for this bias, but it has not yet been operationally implemented at the IDC. Current efforts aimed at implementing this procedure should be intensified, at the same time as efforts are underway to incorporate new distance corrections to enable the computation of m_b at regional distance ranges. In implementing the maximum likelihood method, the most important consideration is a quality check to ensure that non-operational stations or stations with abnormally low gain are excluded from the calculations.

We believe that the slope of the magnitude-frequency relationship, for various regions and for specified time periods, would be a useful and simple metric to assess the consistency of the IDC magnitude estimates. The actual assessment could be made by comparing this IDC slope to the corresponding slope for the same regions and time intervals as obtained from selected array stations in the IMS network. Such array stations (e.g. NOA) must be able to independently provide approximate location estimates in order to ensure that the regions correspond well enough.

b) Surface wave magnitude M_S

The recommendation to introduce the maximum-likelihood approach applies to the computation of network M_S as well as network m_b . In addition, a similar approach should be made to estimate the upper limit of M_S for events for which no surface waves are detected. This provides important information for the M_s : m_b discriminant, in the form of "negative evidence" as has been addressed in many studies in the past.

Recent studies, as e.g. documented in Section 7.4 of this report, have shown that the measurement of surface wave magnitudes at regional distances holds significant promise of lowering the limit for applying the $M_s:m_b$ criterion, and would be of particular importance for the event screening currently being implemented at the IDC. Furthermore, regional surface waves have significant energy at shorter periods (down to 5-10 seconds), and this could be exploited in extending the spectral range for useful M_s measurements.

In particular, measurement of such shorter period surface waves at regional distances could contribute to reducing the influence of coda from surface waves of large teleseismic earthquakes, which often mask ordinary surface waves from small events for hours. The reason is that these strong surface waves generally have a dominant period of 20 seconds or more, with far less energy in the shorter period bands. This is illustrated in Figs. 7.3.3. and 7.3.4, which show NORSAR LP beam recordings for two Novaya Zemlya nuclear explosions (m_b=5.8 and 4.5). In the latter case, the surface waves in the "standard" frequency band are masked by an interfering teleseismic earthquake, but by applying a filter around 10 sec, these surface waves can be clearly seen.

As a new metric, we propose regional surface wave magnitudes at a suite of signal periods, e.g. 5sec, 10sec, 15 sec, 20 sec, 25 sec. This would in effect amount to providing a "spectrum" for

recorded regional surface waves. It would be important to include an indicator of whether the measured level corresponds to noise or signal ("noise" includes possible interfering energy from other seismic events).

Metrics to define location accuracy

The traditional metric for location accuracy is the 95% confidence ellipse around the estimated epicenter. This metric should certainly be retained, but its implementation in the current IDC needs to take into account more realistic uncertainties in the parameters used for location estimation. Studies for many countries (including Fennoscandia) have shown that the location ellipse too often does not encompass the true epicenter. Significant progress in this regard is, however, taking place at the present time.

Looking at the available methods for estimating location, it is widely recognized that regional calibration is a requirement for achieving significantly better accuracy than today. Again, efforts are underway to develop such calibrated procedures at the IDC. There are, however, some factors that are much more difficult to quantify, and that also play a large role in producing mislocations. The most obvious is inaccurate reading of onset time, most often due to emergent signals with low SNR, but in some cases also caused by questionable analyst picks. The IDC experience in comparing picks by two or more independent analysts illustrates this problem well enough. It would be difficult to define appropriate metrics for this type of erroneous reading, but it is necessary to take this possibility into account when defining the error ellipse for small events.

An interesting result obtained by NORSAR in analyzing a sequence of Kola mining explosions with known locations, is that the most accurate locations (in this case) were obtained by including only three stations at close distances and correspondingly high SNR (Kværna and Ringdal, 1994, Ringdal, Kværna and Hokland, 1993). Even though, in principle, the locations should be improved by adding more stations, this did not happen in practice. The obvious reason is the lack of calibration (which is more serious at larger distances) combined with difficulties in reading onset time accurately at remote stations with low SNR.

This result could be important in future evaluation and estimation procedures. For example, if stations at regional distances from a given seismic event have been well calibrated through e.g. small chemical explosions or refraction surveys, it may be possible to estimate quite accurate locations using these regional stations only. It is far from obvious that the location accuracy would improve by adding a large number of teleseismic stations, for which the calibration information might be less developed. This question needs to be investigated in the future.

Metrics for capability estimation

The traditional method of estimating network capability is based upon an average statistical assessment of the noise level, the required SNR for detection and the number and types of phases needed to define an event. Recent developments in Threshold Monitoring, documented e.g. by Kværna and Ringdal (1998), promise to significantly expand and improve metrics for estimating capabilities, both on a network and station level.

Basically, the two types of network capability estimation can be summarized as follows:

Detection capability:

• The *smallest* hypothetical event that could be *detected* (e.g. by three stations)

Threshold capability:

• The largest hypothetical event that could have occurred

The Threshold capability always gives lower magnitude levels than the Detection capability, with a typical difference of 0.5-1 unit. Among the advantages of the Threshold Monitoring approach is that it can provide estimates of *both* the detection capability and the threshold capability

- continuously
- in near real time
- using the actually observed seismic field

In addition, the Global Threshold Monitoring system, as currently implemented at the PIDC, provides regular (hourly) statistics on individual station performance of the primary network. These performance statistics can be used to monitor the seismic noise level, seismometer gain, data quality (e.g. statistics on spikes) and instrument outage.

The global TM maps also give immediate indications of any degradation in global detection performance caused e.g. by coda of large earthquakes, abnormal noise levels for certain regions or stations or outages of key stations in the IMS primary network.

While the TM data provides a vast amount of potentially useful information, it will be a challenge to develop appropriate "simple" metrics to extract and make use of the most essential parts of this information.

Metrics for REB completeness

This topic is closely tied to the metrics for detection capability discussed above, but addresses some important additional considerations. In particular, the completeness of the bulletin must be seen in relation to the estimates of "expected" capabilities. Thus, even if the system "theoretically" has a certain capability, given a number of assumptions, an obious question to be considered is whether the actual detection performance, as observed in the REB, matches these theoretical estimates.

The PIDC Performance Reports already address this question by comparing the REB to the PDE or NEIC bulletins, and highlights events that are close to the 90% detection threshold of the IMS network but are not reported in the REB. This procedure should be expanded, taking also into account national earthquake bulletins. However, it is mandatory to accompany such comparisons by a realistic assessment of the reference magnitudes used at these non-IMS agencies. Again, this is a considerable challenge for future evaluation work.

An entirely different aspect of this problem is whether the IDC event definition criteria are appropriate for the purposes of the global system. As discussed earlier, there is a significant "gap" between even the theoretical detection capability of the network and the actual "threshold" at which we can monitor the upper limit of the magnitudes of possible occurring events. The current event definition criteria for the REB calls for P-detection at 3 or more primary stations. Obviously, many events could be (and are being) detected and located that do not satisfy this criterion, and consequently are not listed in the REB.

A particularly interesting example, in terms of CTBT monitoring, is the seismic event near Novaya Zemlya on 13 January 1996. This event was well detected (with P and S phases and azimuth estimates) by both the primary array ARCES and the auxiliary array SPITS (see Fig. 7.3.5). In fact ARCES was by itself able to detect and locate this event with reasonable accuracy, and the event thus fulfils the requirement that it should be "detected and located by the primary network". With the inclusion of SPITS, the location estimate could be further refined, as demonstrated by Ringdal (1997).

It will be an important task to develop metrics to assess the completeness of the REB, and to provide improved event definition criteria to enhance the completeness of this bulletin. Such new event definition criteria must carefully consider the tradeoff between achieving improved detectability and the desire to avoid overloading the REB with numerous small local events seen only at one or two IMS stations.

Metrics for event screening

The current event screening procedure employed at the PIDC focus on two criteria: event focal depth and M_s : m_b . These are considered to be by far the most robust criteria currently available, but have the disadvantage that they are difficult to apply to small events or events recorded only by few stations. Section 7.4 of this report describes some recent advances in studying regional recordings of surface waves, and the preliminary results indicate that it would be possible to apply the M_s : m_b discriminant to low magnitude events, perhaps approaching m_b =3.0-3.5 using regional data.

Other criteria, such as the high-frequency P/S ratio, hold the promise of being applicable at much lower event magnitudes. We have carried out extensive studies of this criterion for the Barents/Kara Sea region, and have concluded that at present, the P/S ratio is not sufficiently well understood to be routinely applied in event screening at the IDC (see the study described in Section 7.1 of this report).

In order to further develop the metrics for screening, it is necessary to study extensive historical recordings of nuclear explosions in various tectonic regions. Fortunately, many of the IMS stations have retained such recordings, but nevertheless the majority of IMS stations were not established at the time when the majority of nuclear explosions were conducted. The screening criteria must therefore be developed based to a large extent on non-IMS data. An excellent example is the historical data base of regional (analog) LP recordings retained in Apatity, Kola Peninsula (see Section 7.4).

Furthermore, since event magnitudes are important in most of the envisaged criteria, the problem of computing magnitudes of pre-GSETT-3 events in a way compatible with the current magnitude calculations must be addressed. This question is now being studied by many scientists, but again, we emphasize the need to avoid excessive reliance on past PDE, ISC or NEIC magnitude estimates, because of the potential magnitude-dependent bias discussed earlier in this paper.

Concluding remarks

Although the seismological procedures currently implemented at the PIDC are by now considered mature, there is still room for significant improvement, both in the calculation procedures and in the metrics designed to evaluate the IDC products and services. This includes event location, where improvements are needed both in regional calibration and estimation of arrival times at low SNR as well as improvement of metrics to measure location accuracy. Event magnitude is still not measured by maximum likelihood, and upper limits on non-detected surface waves should be included. Threshold monitoring promises to improve significantly the capability estimation, and will also provide metrics for characterizing station performance.

The completeness of the REB needs to be reassessed, with special view to the event definition criteria. In fact, with the current 3-primary station requirement, there are areas where the IMS can detect and locate events an order of magnitude smaller than the current REB threshold. Such a reassessment must, however, be carefully weighted against the undesired effect of including large number of small mining explosions and small aftershocks in the REB.

As detailed in this paper, there are many statistics and results currently forming part of the IDC processing which could give rise to useful metrics for evaluation purposes. An important future challenge will be to compress and synthesize these data to obtain metrics that represent the essence of the performance in a simple and easily understandable way. Furthermore, in the absence of "absolute" criteria against which to evaluate the system, the metrics will need to be assessed in a "relative" sense. Thus it is important to develop metrics which will provide a continuous assessment of the improvements, relative to previous practice, in the IMS and IDC processing as the development progresses in the years to come.

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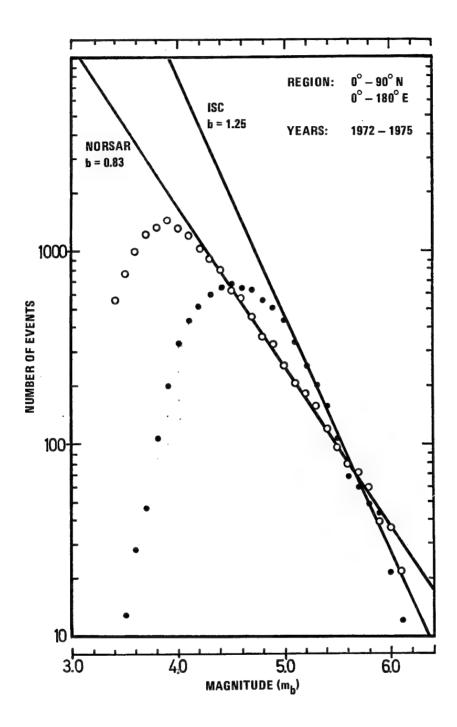
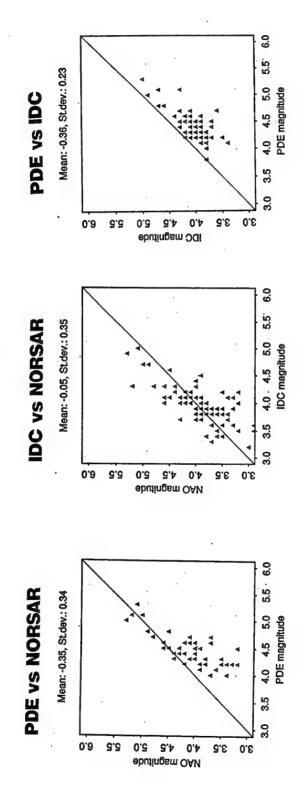


Fig. 7.3.1. ISC and NORSAR magnitude-frequency statistics for seismic events in the region 0-90 degrees North, 0-180 degrees East over the four year period 1972-1975. The filled circles (ISC) and open circles (NORSAR) correspond to incremental number of reported events at m_b intervals of 0.1 unit. Note the significant difference in the apparent slope of the respective recurrence relations. (After Ringdal and Husebye, 1982).

Magnitude comparison - Greece sequence



tude bias, which is particularly pronounced in the comparison of PDE and NORSAR magnitude. Note also the negative bias in IDC magnitudes compared to PDE. (After Ringdal, 1995). Fig. 7.3.2. Magnitude comparisons for various reporting agencies for an earthquake sequence in Greece during 1995. Note the network magni-

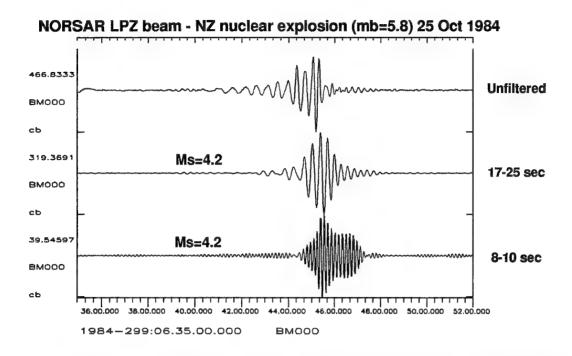


Fig. 7.3.3. NORSAR LPZ array beam recordings of a nuclear explosion (m_b =5.8) at Novaya Zemlya on 25 October 1984. An unfiltered beam is shown together with the beam filtered in the "standard" 17-25 seconds band and a "high-frequency" 8-10 seconds band. Note the high SNR of this regional recording (distance =20 degrees) even at the higher frequencies.

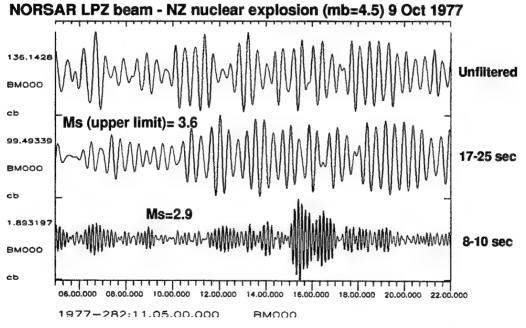


Fig. 7.3.4. NORSAR LPZ array beam recordings of a nuclear explosion (m_b =4.5) at Novaya Zemlya on 9 October 1977. An unfiltered beam is shown together with the beam filtered in the "standard" 17-25 seconds band and a "high-frequency" 8-10 seconds band. Note that an interfering event masks the explosion surface waves in the 17-25 seconds band, whereas the explosion signal is clearly seen in the 8-10 seconds band.

Seismic event near Novaya Zemlya 13 January 1996 Filter 3 - 5 Hz

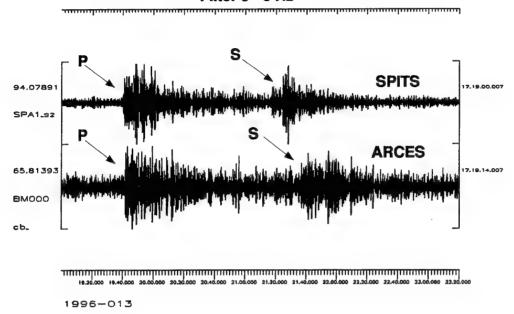


Fig. 7.3.5. SPITS and ARCES recordings of a small seismic event (m_b =2.4) near Novaya Zemlya on 13 January 1996. This event is about 1 magnitude unit smaller than the REB reporting threshold for this region, but can nevertheless be reliably detected and located using these two IMS stations.

7.4 Study of surface waves and M_s:m_b using Apatity LP recordings

Introduction

As part of a project aimed at improving seismic monitoring capabilities for the Arctic region, NORSAR and Kola Regional Seismological Centre (KRSC) are conducting a comprehensive study of seismicity, seismic wave propagation and seismic event characterization in the Barents region. This work is particularly relevant to the development of event screening criteria, which is one of the main tasks of the expert work conducted by the Vienna Working Group B (verification).

The current event screening procedure employed at the IDC focuses on two criteria: event focal depth and M_s : m_b . These are considered to be by far the most robust criteria currently available, but have the disadvantage that they are difficult to apply to small events or events recorded only by few stations. Other criteria, such as the high-frequency P/S ratio, hold the promise of being applicable at much lower event magnitudes, but are currently not proven to be sufficiently reliable (see the study described in Section 7.1 of this report).

By focusing on regional recordings of surface waves, it would be possible to apply the M_s : m_b discriminant to low magnitude events, perhaps approaching m_b =3.0-3.5. This is the motivation for the present study. As is well known, accurate discrimination of seismic events with a regional network requires detailed knowledge of the propagation characteristics of seismic waves in the region. At present, these propagation characteristics are reasonably well known for P-waves in the Barents region, but much work remains to be done regarding surface wave propagation and magnitude estimation. In the following, we describe some initial results obtained for this region.

Station network

The regional seismic network operated by the Kola Recional Seismological Center currently comprises a combination of digital and analog stations. Several stations of the analog type have been in operation for many years (see Fig. 7.4.1), whereas the digital stations in this network have only a few years of available recordings (Asming et al, 1998).

In order to assess surface wave propagation, and in particular to evaluate the M_s : m_b discriminant, it is necessary to take advantage of the historic analog recordings. The station APA in Apatity forms a unique source of such data. This station has had high-quality LP recordings since 1969, and thus a data base is available of regional earthquakes and nuclear explosions dating back almost 30 years.

Data

We have initiated a project to digitize surface waves of selected regional events in the APA data base of LP recordings. The digitization method is illustrated in Fig. 7.4.2, and is based on a semi-automated algorithm. The original seismograms are amplified by photocopying and scanned into an image on a PC. An automatic algorithm calculates the midpoint of each trace

for a given time interval, and thus creates an initial digital record. The analyst can interactively verify the output and make corrections as necessary (for example when lines on the seismogram cross each other). Finally, the record is resampled with an equidistant sampling rate.

We have checked this method by comparing digitized analog LP recordings to the digital recordings of a co-located broadband station in order to verify the response characteristics and the quality of the digitization process. This comparison can only be made for the most recent years, during which a co-located broadband Guralp 3-component seismometer has been in operation in Apatity.

An illustration of such a comparison for an earthquake in 1998 near Spitsbergen is shown in Figures 7.4.3 and 7.4.4. It is seen that the quality of the digitized records are excellent, and can be used over a spectral band ranging from 5 seconds to at least 30 seconds period. In fact, the recordings in the various filter band are almost identical, except that for the lowest filter band (0.03-0.04 Hz or 25-33 seconds) the broad-band recordings have slightly more ringing of the signal than the digitized LP recordings. We attribute this difference to the different response characteristics of the seismometers at these frequencies.

Results

We have initially applied this digitization to about 30 seismic events at regional distances and various azimuths from the APA station. About half are nuclear explosions (mostly from the Novaya Zemlya test site) and the remainder are intermediate and low magnitude earthquakes (typical magnitude range 4.0-5.0). All of the earthquakes have continental propagation paths. While the earthquakes (by necessity) are at azimuths different from the explosions, we consider that the variations in azimuths and propagation paths are sufficient to provide a representative sample of the characteristics of the seismic source and propagation effects.

An example of digitized data for two nuclear explosions (separated in time by 12 years) is shown in Fig. 7.4.5 and 7.4.6. We note that the LP signals are very similar across all the frequency bands considered, with about a factor of 2 in amplitude difference. In particular, it is interesting to note the strong signals even at the highest frequency band considered (0.1-0.2 Hz or 5-10 seconds period).

Fig. 7.4.7 shows a map of the propagation paths (to the left) and a comparison of the corrected surface wave spectra (to the right). These corrected spectra have been obtained by calculating the log amplitude of the filtered surface waves in each frequency band, making a distance correction equal to 1.66*log(Delta(deg)) and subtracting the m_b value for each event. Although somewhat simplified, this diagram can be seen as a frequency-dependent $M_s:m_b$ plot, and the separation is quite good at all frequencies considered.

We may add that we also digitized surface wave recordings from a suite of earthquakes in the oceanic part of the Norwegian Sea (very close to the oceanic/continental margin), and compared them to the explosion population. While not shown in a figure, it turned out that they were closer to the explosions than the "continental" earthquakes. This is likely at least partly due to attenuation along the oceanic/continental margin, and confirms that such major tectonic features must be corrected for when carrying out discrimination studies.

One interesting observation in Fig. 7.4.7 is the 1 August 1986 event near Novaya Zemlya. This event, which is traditionally classified as an earthquake (see Marshall et.al., 1989) seems to fall very close to the explosion population. We should note, however, that this is to some extent a consequence of our not having available reliable m_b values for this (or most other) events in the data base. It is therefore premature to use these results to state anything about the nature of the source for the 1 August 1986 event.

The lack of reliable m_b estimates for events in this region is in fact a source of concern, and prevents us at present from carrying out the M_s : m_b study in more detail. As an example, the ISC m_b can at occasions be biased high by one full magnitude unit, e.g. when only one or two high-amplitude teleseismic stations have detected a given event. On the other hand, most of the Novaya Zemlya events have a reasonably accurate magnitude estimate (Ringdal, 1997). We plan to carry out a more comprehensive evaluation of m_b , perhaps by using a maximum-likelihood formulation similar to that of Ringdal (1986), in order to obtain more consistent estimates for the events in the data base.

Conclusions

We have demonstrated the capabilities of the APA surface wave recordings to provide a promising separation of earthquakes and explosions in the Barents region using the M_s : m_b discriminant. We have shown that separation between the earthquake and explosion populations can be achieved in a wide frequency band (5-30 seconds period). We note that this gives promise for applying the M_s : m_b discriminants down to lower magnitudes than is possible using teleseismic recordings.

Additional work is required in regionalization of the propagation paths to take into account the major tectonic features in the region. The body-wave magnitudes provided by the ISC are far from good enough for events in this region, and must be reassessed in order to make full use of the earthquake-explosion discrimination potential.

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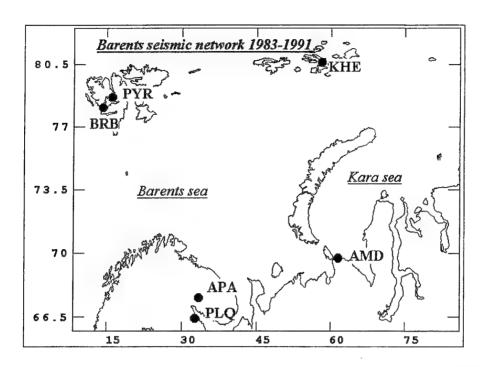


Fig. 7.4.1 Stations in the Barents seismic network operated by KRSC. The station APA, which has both 3-component SP and LP seismometers, has the longest period of operation, from 1969 until present. APA has in addition a Guralp BB digital seismometer, which has been operational since 1991.

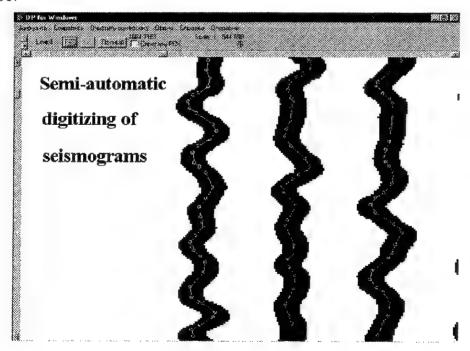


Fig. 7.4.2..Illustration of the semi-automatic method of digitization of analog LP seismograms applied to the APA data base. See text for details.

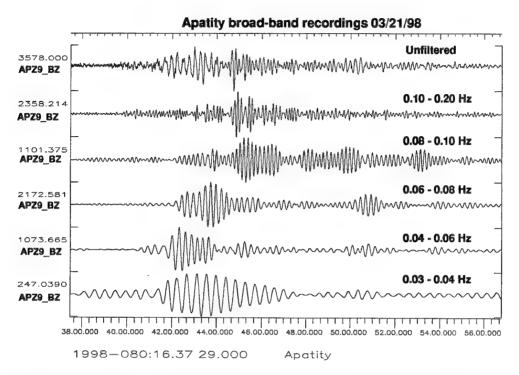


Fig. 7.4.3. Digital recording by the broad-band Guralp vertical seismometer in Apatity for an earth-quake near Spitsbergen on 21 March 1998. The unfiltered data are shown in the top trace, with the other traces showing a suite of narrow-band filters applied to the recording.

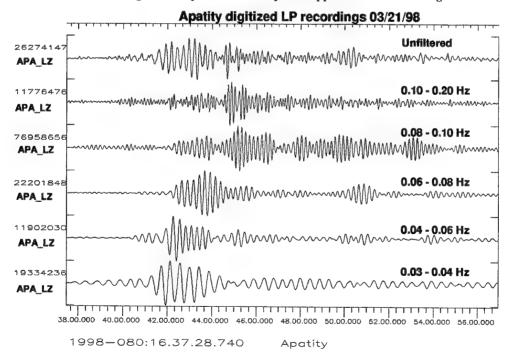


Fig. 7.4.4. Digitized recordings based on the APA LP vertical component co-located with the Guralp BB seismometer for the same event shown in Fig. 7.4.3. Note the close correspondence of the data shown in the two figures.

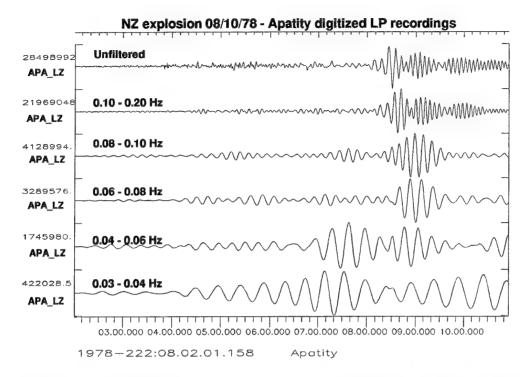


Fig. 7.4.5. Digitized recordings based on the APA LP vertical component seismometer for the nuclear explosion at Novaya Zemlya on 10 August 1978. Note the high SNR in all the filter bands.

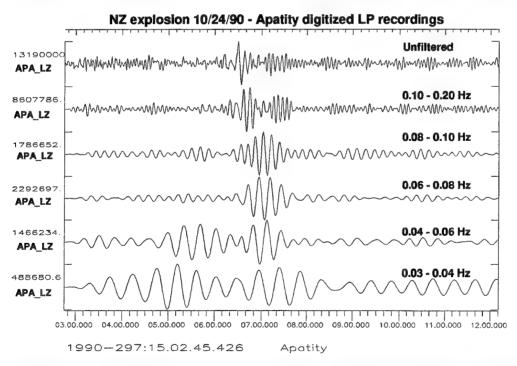


Fig. 7.4.6. Digitized recordings based on the APA LP vertical component seismometer for the nuclear explosion at Novaya Zemlya on 24 October 1990. Note the similarity to the explosion shown in Fig. 7.4.5.

Initial Discrimination Results using Apatity LP Recordings

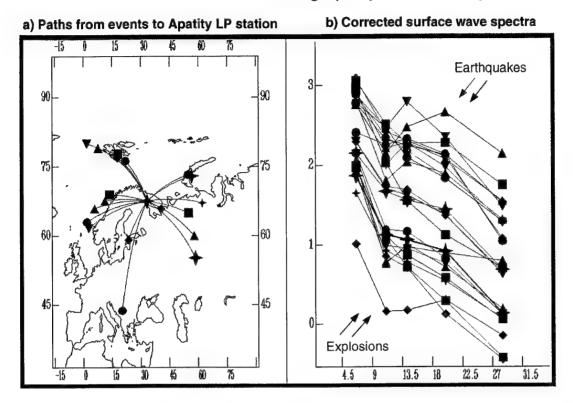


Fig. 7.4.7. Initial discrimination results using regional M_s : m_b for a data base of earthquakes and nuclear explosions with continental travel paths to the APA LP station. The left part shows the events and the travel paths to APA, whereas the right part shows surface wave spectral levels ranging from 5 to 30 second period. The spectral levels have been corrected for distance and body-wave magnitude as described in the text.

7.5 Tuning the automatic data processing for the Spitsbergen array (SPITS)

Introduction

The Spitsbergen array (SPITS) usually reports a large number of detections, which can easily exceed several thousand per day. A detailed analysis shows that these detections are real seismic signals mostly caused by small sources located at close distances. These local sources are mining induced events from a coal mining area near Longyearbyen on Spitsbergen and so-called icequakes, which means active faults and fissures in the ice of nearby glaciers or stepwise movements of these glaciers (e.g. Górski, 1997). Because SPITS was not designed for optimized detection and analysis of such signals, they are not properly handled by the current automatic data processing and cause many erroneous results. In this study we have developed new processing recipes for SPITS that make the automatic results more reliable.

The numerous local events (Fig. 7.5.2) typically show P onsets, no well defined S onsets, and dominant Rg onsets. Because of the short epicentral distances of these events (most of them can be located within 15 km of SPITS) the travel-time difference between P and Rg onsets is only a few seconds. The current automatic processing for SPITS data has difficulty separating these onsets and locating the events, because the time windows necessary for analyzing the onsets often contain a mixture of signals with different apparent velocities (Pg, Sg, and Rg). Additionally, the array was not designed to detect local Rg phases or to estimate the slowness vector for very slow arrivals. Using the known equations to calculate the array transfer function (e.g. Harjes and Henger, 1973) one can estimate the design limits of an array; e.g., to measure the slowness vector of an Rg phase with an apparent velocity of 1.8 km/s and a dominant frequency of about 4 Hz, an array with a minimum distance between its single sites of 0.225 km would be needed. The distances between the A-ring sites of SPITS are of this order, but not the B-ring sites (Fig. 7.5.1). To analyze these data by using only the four A-ring sites would be possible, but this would clearly decrease the stability and resolution of the slowness-vector measurements. Some of these local events are so close that the concept of a plane wave crossing an array can no longer be used, and the single sites behave as a seismic network. With these local signals, SPITS is at the edge of its resolution and the automatic f-k analysis of onsets from such events can be influenced by aliasing effects due to the side-lobes of the array transfer function.

These problems lead to many unpredictable and erroneous results for an automatic parameter extraction of SPITS detections. The most critical parameters in this context are measurements of apparent velocity and azimuth, which are used to define the phase type and are needed during the association process to define seismic events. A high error rate in f-k results leads to a high rate of erroneous or artificial events and many unassociated onsets. This problem is the main reason why SPITS onsets are not yet implemented in the Generalized Beamforming (GBF, Ringdal and Kværna, 1989) processing at NORSAR, although SPITS data would be very helpful for identifying and locating seismic events north of Fennoscandia, in the Arctic Ocean, and especially in the Barents Sea.

A New Beam Set to Improve the Detection Process

SPITS is located on Mesozoic sediments, which are about 3 to 4 km thick in this part of Spitsbergen (Winsnes, 1988). The seismic velocities in these layers are much lower than below the well known arrays in Fennoscandia, and consequently the observed apparent velocities for onsets of local events are relatively low (e.g., the observed apparent velocities for local Rg phases become as small as 1.5 km/s). Therefore, the beam deployment must be expanded to lower velocities. Before beamforming, all traces are prefiltered with a Butterworth band-pass filter between 0.4 and 18.0 Hz to reduce the influence of the microseisms, which often have high amplitudes so close to the open ocean. The beam parameters (apparent velocity and azimuth) were chosen such that the whole slowness space of interest is equally covered. After beamforming, the beams are filtered with different Butterworth band-pass filters to detect the signals in the frequency range with the highest signal-to-noise ratio (SNR). Table 7.5.1 shows the parameters of the new beamset for SPITS, which contains 254 different beams.

Some beams (SG01 - SG36 and SM01 - SM36) were designed to detect the Rg onsets from local events. Identification of these numerous onsets at an early stage helps to extract detections from more "interesting" ones. Therefore the update rate for calculating the SNR was minimized to detect these high amplitude Rg phases separately from their leading Pg onsets. This also results in a increased number of detections in the coda of "normal" onsets; however, this can be handled during the following association and location process.

Because SPITS is the Norwegian array located closest to the former nuclear test sites on Novaya Zemlya, a special set of beams optimized for this source region was also implemented (SN01 - SN10).

In Fig. 7.5.4 we compare the density distribution of SNR values for detections using the old and the new processing recipes. Only Sn values smaller than 20 are shown in the figure. The data interval spans 159 days from 11 April to 16 September 1998. The original detector had a total of 118852 detections during this time period, with 113039 below SNR = 20. The new detector had a total of 179440 detections with 159289 below SNR = 20. The improvement is particularly evident for lower SNR values. Although the new beam deployment uses a higher detection threshold and no incoherent beams, the number of detected onsets is significantly increased.

A still unsolved problem at SPITS is the large number of high SNR P detections from regional events without any corresponding detection of an S phase. Without a detected S phase, these events cannot be associated and located with RONAPP (Mykkeltveit and Bungum, 1984). Fig. 7.5.3 shows seismograms observed at the 3C site SPB4 of SPITS from an earthquake located at the Knipovich Ridge northwest of Svalbard at an epicentral distance of about 3°. In addition to the original horizontal components, the rotated radial and transverse components are also shown (at the bottom). The S onset has a low SNR and the signal is particularly weak for SV energy, which should be visible on the radial and vertical components.

Just detecting this S phase on one horizontal component would not help, because the corresponding SNR on the vertical components, which has to be used for an f-k analysis, is very low and therefore the f-k results become unreliable. Additionally, at all sites of SPITS we observe spikes in the data stream, such that a detector only running on one trace will have a relatively

high false alarm rate. The best way to reduce the problem of these undetected S phases would be to install more horizontal components, so that horizontal beams could be calculated. The advantages of such beams have previously been demonstrated for other small aperture arrays like ARCESS, NORESS, and GERESS (Schweitzer, 1994).

Improving the f-k Analysis of Detected Phases

The problems discussed above influence the results from the automatic f-k analysis. We will in the following describe procedures for reducing the effect of these problems.

As mentioned above, we observe spikes which often cause false detections or disturbances of detected onsets. Most of these spikes are detected and automatically removed by the installed quality control system. However, not all spikes are detected and then they produce signal-like onsets with the pulse form of the response of the band pass filter used. The traces with the filtered spikes usually show much higher amplitudes than the undisturbed traces. Therefore, the data of all channels are checked for large amplitude deviations in the time window around the detected signal (i.e., from 10 s before to 3 s after the detected onset time). If a maximum amplitude deviates more than a factor of 2.5 (smaller or larger) from the mean maximum amplitude, the data of this channel will not be used (masked) during the subsequent analysis of the detection.

Fig. 7.5.2 shows that the original amplitudes can vary by a factor of 3 between the single sites. Such amplitude variations also influence the f-k analysis. To reduce the influence of amplitude variations at the different sites, all traces are normalized to a common maximum amplitude in the time window used for the f-k analysis. However, the beam to measure the signal amplitude, dominant frequency, and onset time is calculated from non-normalized traces.

The positioning and length of the time window used for f-k analysis of the detected onset influences the f-k results and must be carefully selected. As described by Schweitzer (1994 and 1997), the optimum length of the time window can be estimated from the signal frequency band, the aperture of the array, and the largest slowness to be resolved. For SPITS the largest slowness SMAX is:

$$SMAX = \frac{1.666}{FK1}$$

when FK1 the lowest frequency used in the f-k analysis.

The time window for the f-k analysis should include the whole pulse form of the onset at all array sites. Because the onset time is given relative to the reference site of SPITS (SPA0), we need to introduce a lead time TN before the onset as the start time of the f-k analysis window. This is done to ensure that even for the arrivals with the largest slowness (smallest apparent velocity) the f-k analysis window includes the start of the signal at all array sites. For SPITS we get the relation:

$$TN = \frac{1}{2 \cdot SMAX}$$

The pulse length is initially set to 3 times the dominant period of the detected signal. For onsets detected on beams used with an apparent velocity below the local S velocity, this time length is

set to 6 times the dominant period. The f-k window length is then estimated by adding this pulse length to TN. The final f-k window length is restricted to the range between 1.5 and 5 s, which are numbers derived from manual analysis of numerous signals.

Broadband f-k analysis usually provides quite stable results. However, the detection process sometimes needs narrow band filters to detect a signal. As shown for the Matsushiro array (Schweitzer, 1997) f-k analysis results can be improved by widening the frequency range as far as possible. Therefore, a systematic search for the widest frequency range with a usable SNR was implemented.

Prior to f-k analysis in the now broader frequency range, the data are band pass filtered in a pass band slightly wider than the frequency range to be used for f-k analysis (Schweitzer, 1994). After normalizing the amplitudes, defining the smallest resolvable apparent velocity, the length of the time window, and the best frequency band, all parameters for the following f-k analysis are now set.

Although the maximum elevation difference between the single sites of SPITS is only 140 m, the corresponding travel-time differences for waves with nearly vertical incidence can be in the same order as the travel-time differences caused by the horizontal distances between the sites. The reason for this is the low seismic velocities in the sediments below SPITS. To correct for this effect during the f-k analysis, we have to know the local velocity below the array. Therefore, the best local velocities for P and S waves were estimated by comparing the f-k results for a large number of onsets with a wide range of apparent velocities after correcting with different local velocities. Assuming that the result with the highest relative f-k power is the best one for a given onset, we found that the best velocity to correct for the elevation effect is 4.75 km/s for P waves and 3 km/s for S waves. For P and S phases from local events, similar apparent velocities are observed, i.e., we observe at SPITS an overlap of observable apparent velocities of regional Sn onsets and local Pg onsets, which are different from what we observe on the European continent. The slowest local Pg phases observed at regional arrays in Europe have apparent velocities between 5.5 and 6.0 km/s and observed short-period Sn phases have apparent velocities below 5.0 km/s. To resolve this ambiguity for SPITS data, all f-k analyses are done twice: once using the P phase and once the S phase local velocity to correct for the elevation effect. If the measured apparent velocity of the onset is between 4.75 and 6.0 km/s, we choose the result with the highest relative f-k power: If this was obtained using the P velocity, the phase is assumed to be a local Pg, and if this was obtained using the S velocity, the phase is assumed to be an Sn phase. If in the latter case we obtain an apparent velocity higher than the local P velocity, the phase is labeled as "Spg", to indicate that this phase is presumably an Sn, and not a local Pg.

As mentioned above, SPITS detects numerous local Rg phases which have often been misinterpreted during the automatic processing. This is primarily due to the mixture of onsets with different apparent velocities and the mentioned aliasing effect. Since an onset time estimated from the detecting beam may not be the best reference time to identify such an Rg onset, the f-k analysis is repeated for a total of six time windows. These begin TN seconds prior to the following reference times:

- 1) estimated onset time from the detecting beam
- 2) detection time from detection process
- 3) 0.5 s after the detection time from the detecting beam
- 4) 1 s earlier than the detection time from the detecting beam
- 5) reestimated time when the SNR reaches its threshold value
- 6) time when the SNR has its maximum
- 7) a fixed time window of +/- 1.5 s around the detection time from the detecting beam

The analysis yielding the maximum relative f-k power is preferred, excluding any for which an apparent velocity below 3 km/s (i.e. Rg) with a relative f-k power larger than 0.35 was found.

We will in the following compare the results from the automatic data analysis of SPITS data using the new and the old recipes. The time interval processed is the 169 day period from 11 April through 26 September 1998.

Table 7.5.2 gives the number of the different phases detected and analyzed in this time period. Except for a more detailed phase naming convention in the new recipes, the major difference is that the old recipes produce a large amount of phases with a measured apparent velocity lower than 3 km/s. These phases are called "noise" and are not further used. In the new recipes, most of these onsets are now identified as Rg. The new recipes declare as "noise" phases with an apparent velocity lower than 1.3 km/s. As mentioned, Sn phases with apparent velocities larger than the local P velocity are called Spg. They are now separated from the local Pg onsets, and can both be used to locate events. The distribution of estimated apparent velocities in Fig. 7.5.5 shows a similar result. The peak at 1 km/s disappears, and a new peak around 5 km/s represents local Pg phases, which can be used to locate these local events if a corresponding Rg (or Sg) is also observed.

The source of many of the Rg onsets (i.e. apparent velocities below 3 km/s) can be explained with Fig. 7.5.6, where the azimuthal distribution of these Rg phases is plotted in a rose diagram on a local map of SPITS at the position of the array. Clearly seen are distinct directions with more (longer bars) or less (shorter bars) Rg observations. To get a readable figure, the bars to the southwest in direction to the coal mine area at about 8 km distance (blue star) are truncated at about half of their lengths. We observe a strong correlation between the number of Rg phases and the azimuth at nearby glaciers (grey-blue areas). The distance to the closest glacier is about 3 km to the south.

The relative f-k power measures the coherency of the signal and is therefore a measurement of the quality of the f-k results. Fig. 7.5.7 compares the relative f-k power of body wave onsets for both sets of recipes. With the new recipes the phases with low f-k power below 0.2 are removed, and the new additional phase detections usually have high f-k power, providing well defined onsets. In Fig. 7.5.8 the relative f-k power results for the Rg phases are compared. Again, the large number of onsets with low f-k power disappear and the increased number of Rg observations for the new recipes in most cases have a relative f-k power larger than 0.35.

Conclusions

In conclusion, the new recipes for automatic analysis of SPITS data clearly increase the quality of all estimated parameters. That these new parameters are also useful as input for the

automatic location processing (RONAPP) is demonstrated with the last two figures. Fig. 7.5.9 shows a map with all events automatically located with the results from processing with the old recipes during the 169 day period from 11 April through 26 September 1998. Notice the large number of events scattered all over the map. In addition, more than 12% of the 11638 located events were located outside the borders of this map. After slight modifications of the RONAPP recipes to handle the results from the new signal processing recipes, a parallel event association and location process was also installed. Fig. 7.5.10 shows a map with 12175 located events using the new results. The decrease in the scatter is obvious, only 2% of all located events fall outside of the map and the well know seismicity pattern around and on Svalbard (e.g. Lindholm (1995) or Górski (1997)) is reproduced.

Starting from detection over signal analysis to the final location process, this paper shows the advantages of the new set of recipes for an automatic analysis of SPITS data. After implementing these new processing, SPITS onsets can now be included more easily in the GBF process for network phase association and event location and will most likely help to improve the event detection capability for the Arctic.

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TABLE 7.5.1. The new beamset for the SPITS array. THR is the SNR threshold used to define a detection and "all" means that the whole SPITS array (SPA0, SPA1, SPA2, SPB1, SPB2, SPB3, SPB4, and SPB5) is used to form this beam.

BEAM	VELOCITY	AZIMUTH	Filter		THR	SITES		
NAMES	[km/s]	[°]	bandwidth [Hz]	order		(verticals only)		
S001 99999.9		0.0	0.8 - 2.0	4	4.5	SPA0 SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
S002	99999.9	0.0	0.8 - 2.0	4	4.5	all .		
S003	99999.9	0.0	1.0 - 3.0	3	4.5	SPA0 SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
S004	99999.9	0.0	1.0 - 3.0	3	4.5	all		
S005	99999.9	0.0	2.0 - 4.0	3	4.0	SPA0 SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
S006	99999.9	0.0	2.0 - 4.0	3	4.0	all		
S007	99999.9	0.0	3.0 - 5.0	3	4.0	SPAO SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
S008	99999.9	0.0	3.0 - 5.0	3	4.0	all		
S009	99999.9	0.0	0.9 - 3.5	4	4.5	SPA0 SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
S010	99999.9	0.0	0.9 - 3.5	4	4.5	all		
S011	99999.9	0.0	1.0 - 4.0	3	4.5	SPAO SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
S012	99999.9	0.0	1.0 - 4.0	3	4.5	AII		
SA01 - SA04	10.0	0 90 180 270	1.0 - 3.0	3	4.5	SPAO SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SA05 - SA08	10.0	45 135 225 315	1.0 - 3.0	3	4.5	ăII		
SA09 - SA12	10.0	0 90 180 270	2.5 - 4.5	3	4.0	SPAO SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SA13 - SA16	10.0	45 135 225 315	2.5 - 4.5	3	4.0	all		
SA17 - SA20	10.0	0 90 180 270	4.0 - 8.0	3	4.0	SPAO SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SA21 - SA24	10.0	45 135 225 315	4.0 - 8.0	3	4.0	all		
SA25 - SA28	10.0	0 90 180 270	3.0 - 6.0	3	4.0	SPAO SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SA29 - SA32	10.0	45 135 225 315	3.0 - 6.0	3	4.0	āli		
SB01 - SB04	7.0	0 90 180 270	1.0 - 4.0	3	4.5	SPAO SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SB05 - SB08	7.0	45 135 225 315	1.0 - 4.0	3	4.5	all		
SB09 - SB12	7.0	0 90 180 270	3.0 - 6.0	3	4.0	SPAO SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SB13 - SB16	7.0	45 135 225 315	3.0 - 6.0	3	4.0	all		
SB17 - SB20	7.0	0 90 180 270	5.0 - 10.0	3	4.0	SPA0 SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SB21 - SB24	7.0	45 135 225 315	5.0 - 10.0	3	4.0	all		
SC01 - SC04	5.0	0 90 180 270	1.0 - 4.0	3	4.5	SPA0 SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SC05 - SC08	5.0	45 135 225 315	1.0 - 4.0	3	4.5	āll		
SC09 - SC12	5.0	0 90 180 270	3.5 - 5.5	3	4.0	SPA0 SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SC13 - SC16	5.0	45 135 225 315	3.5 - 5.5	3	4.0	SII		
SC17 - SC20	5.0	0 90 180 270	5.0 - 10.0	3	4.0	SPA0 SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SC21 - SC24	5.0	45 135 225 315	5.0 - 10.0	3	4.0	all		
SC25 - SC28	5.0	0 90 180 270	8.0 - 16.0	3	4.0	SPA0 SPB1 SPB2 SPB3 SPB4 SPB5		
SC29 - SC32	5.0	45 135 225 315	8.0 - 16.0	3	4.0	all		
SD01 - SC08	4.0	0 45 90 135 180 225 270 315	0.9 - 3.5	4	4.5	all		
SD09 - SC16	4.0	0 45 90 135 180 225 270 315	3.0 - 6.0	3	4.0	all		

BEAM	VELOCITY	AZIMUTH	Filter		THR	SITES		
NAMES	[km/s]	[°]	bandwidth [Hz]	order		(verticals only)		
SD17 - SC24	4.0	0 45 90 135 180 225 270 315	4.0 - 8.0	3	4.0	all		
SE01 - SE08	3.3	0 45 90 135 180 225 270 315	1.5 - 3.5	3	4.5	all		
SE09 - SE16	3.3	0 45 90 135 180 225 270 315	3.0 - 6.0	3	4.0	all		
SE17 - SE24	3.3	0 45 90 135 180 225 270 315	5.0 - 10.0	3	4.0	all		
SF01 - SF08	2.5	0 45 90 135 180 225 270 315	1.0 - 4.0	3	4.5	all		
SF09 - SF16	2.5	0 45 90 135 180 225 270 315	2.0 - 4.0	3	4.0	all		
SF17 - SF24	2.5	0 45 90 135 180 225 270 315	3.0 - 5.0	3	4.0	all		
SN01	8.4	97.6	2.0 - 4.0	3	3.7	all		
SN02	8.4	97.6	3.0 - 5.0	3	3.7	all		
SN03	8.4	97.6	4.0 - 8.0	3	3.7	all		
SN04	8.4	97.6	6.0 - 12.0	3	3.7	all		
SN05	8.4	97.6	8.0 - 16.0	3	3.7	all		
SN06	4.7	97.6	2.0 - 4.0	3 .	3.7	all		
SN07	4.7	97.6	3.0 - 5.0	3	3.7	all		
SN08	4.7	97.6	4.0 - 8.0	3	3.7	all		
SN09	4.7	97.6	6.0 - 12.0	3	3.7	all		
SN10	4.7	97.6	8.0 - 16.0	3	3.7	all		
SG01 - SG12	2.0	0 30 60 90 120 150 180 210 240 270 300 330	1.5 - 3.5	3	4.5	all		
SG13 - SG24	2.0	0 30 60 90 120 150 180 210 240 270 300 330	2.5 - 4.5	3	4.0	all		
SG25 - SG36	2.0	0 30 60 90 120 150 180 210 240 270 300 330	3.5 - 5.5	3	4.0	all		
SM01 - SM12	1.7	0 30 60 90 120 150 180 210 240 270 300 330	1.0 - 3.0	3	4.5	ali		
SM13 - SM24	1.7	0 30 60 90 120 150 180 210 240 270 300 330	2.0 - 4.0	3	4.0	all		
SM25 - SM36	1.7	0 30 60 90 120 150 180 210 240 270 300 330	3.0 - 6.0	3	4.0	ail		

TABLE 7.5.2. Number of onsets analyzed by the old and the new signal processing recipes during the compared time period (DOY 101 - DOY 269, 1998).

PHASE	OLD	NEW		
all data	137 963	193 923		
PKP	-	574		
P	19 497	12 279		
Pn	-	6 773		
Pgn	57 333	25 360		
Pg	-	38 985		
S / Sn	11 691	5 208		
Spg	-	4 449		
Sg (Lg)	-	8 772		
Rg	610	87 557		
"noise"	49 442	3 965		

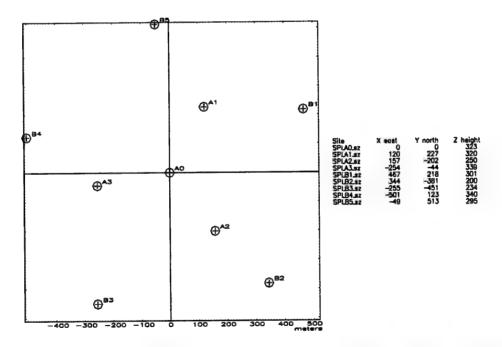


Fig. 7.5.1. Configuration of the Spitsbergen array (SPITS). The horizontal distances are measured in [meters] with respect to the reference site SPA0 and the elevations are given in [meters] above the sea level.

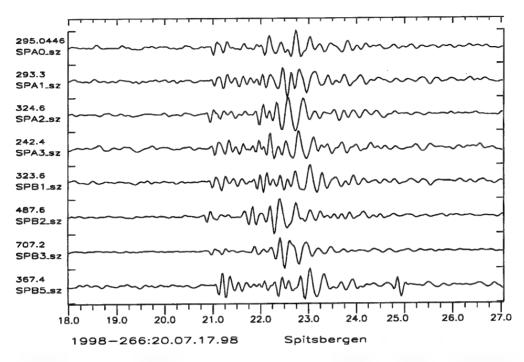


Fig. 7.5.2. Example of an "icequake" observed at SPITS and located in the glacier Gløttfjellbreen (azimuth = 141° , $\Delta = 4$ km). Shown are band pass (3 - 8 Hz) filtered vertical seismograms.

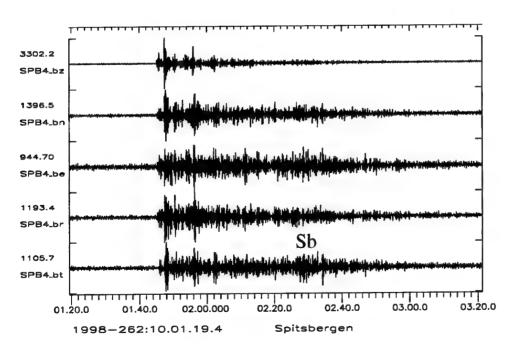


Fig. 7.5.3. Seismograms of a regional event observed with the broadband 3C site SPB4. Note the increased SNR for the Sb onsets on the transverse component (SPB4_bt). The data were band pass filtered (3 - 6 Hz); the azimuth to rotate the horizontals was 312°.

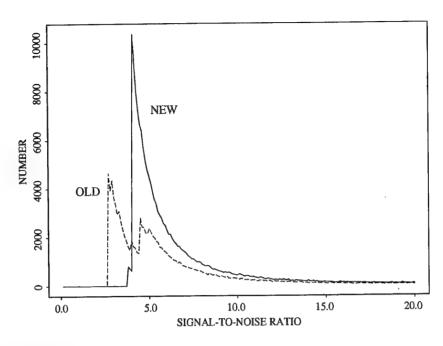


Fig. 7.5.4. Distribution of observed SNR values (SNR < 20) for the old (broken line) and the new SPITS beam deployment.

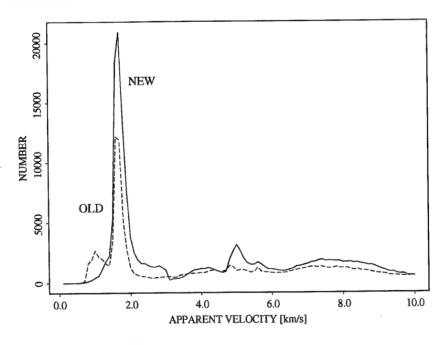


Fig. 7.5.5. Distribution of observed apparent velocities for local and regional phases for the old (broken line) and new SPITS analysis recipes.

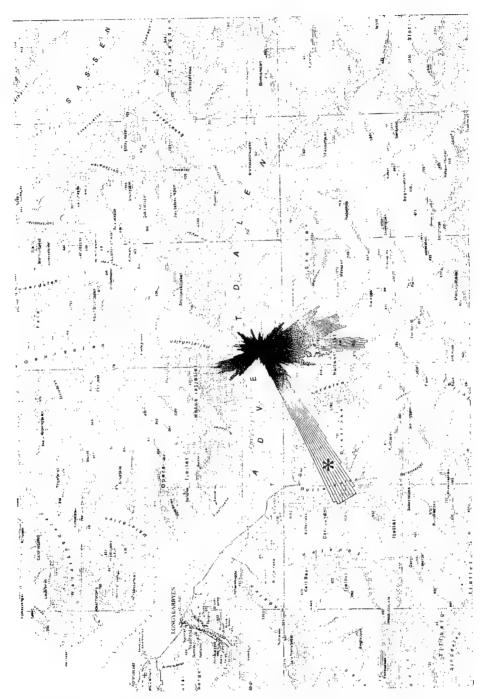


Fig. 7.5.6. Map with the area around SPITS and a rose diagram for 90228 observed local phases (apparent velocity < 3 km/s, DOY 101 to DOY 269, 1998) to show the relative azimuth distribution of these onsets. The center of the rose diagram is plotted at the center of the array. The graph for the large amount of phase observations from mining induced events (blue star) in the southwest direction was truncated at about half of its length. Note: the shorter the distance to a glacier (grey areas), the larger the number of observed Rg phases. The scale of the map is approximately 1: 220 500.

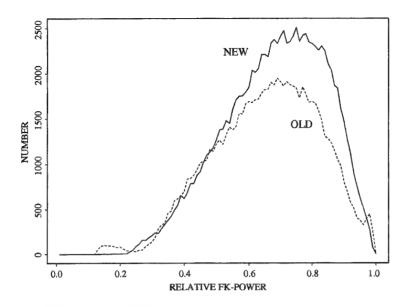


Fig. 7.5.7. Distribution of relative f-k power results for the old (broken line) and the new recipes for onsets with an apparent velocity > 3.0 km/s.

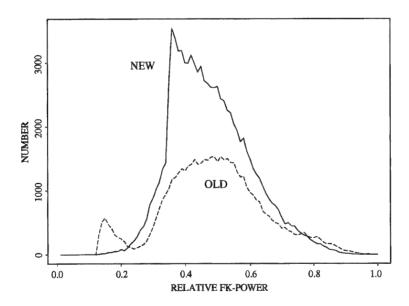


Fig. 7.5.8. Distribution of relative f-k power results for the old (broken line) and the new recipes for onsets with an apparent velocity $\leq 3.0 \text{ km/s}$.

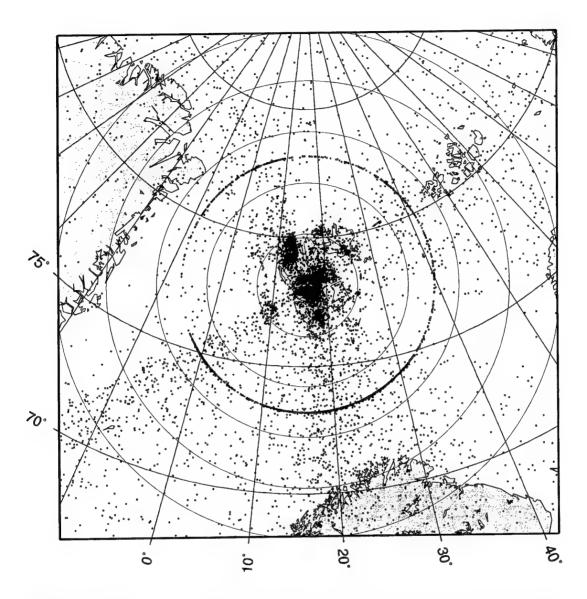


Fig. 7.5.9. SPITS single array located events using the old recipes during the 169 day period from 11 April through 26 September 1998. From the altogether 11 638 located events more than 12% were located outside this map. The circles around SPITS are at 2°, 4°, 6°, 8°, and 10° epicentral distances. The circle of events at about 5° is an artifact of an error in the old recipes.

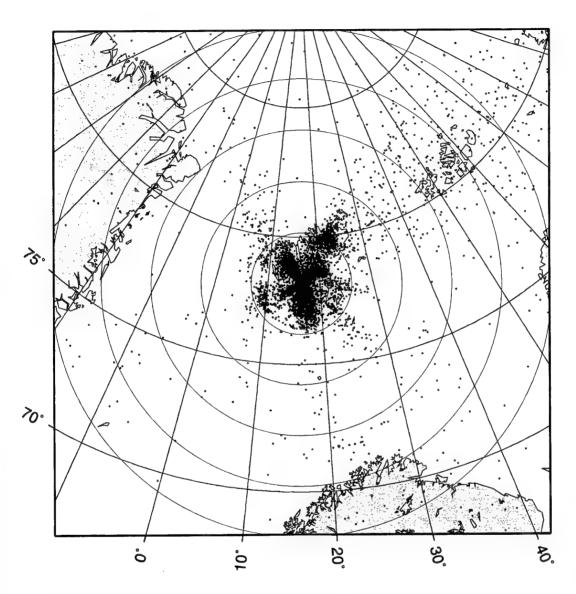


Fig. 7.5.10. SPITS single array located events using the new recipes during the 169 day period from 11 April through 26 September 1998. From the altogether 12 175 located events less than 2% were located outside this map. The circles around SPITS are at 2°, 4°, 6°, 8°, and 10° epicentral distances.

7.6 Monitoring of the Indian underground nuclear tests of May 1998

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We have investigated the capability of the International Monitoring System (IMS) to monitor the Indian nuclear test site. Our approach has been to use the IMS stations with the best detection capability for this region which, in practice, determine the monitoring capability of the full IMS network. We have therefore based our investigation on data from the eleven IMS stations shown in Fig.7.6.1, which all had high SNRs for the 11 May 1998 Indian underground nuclear test. The IMS location of this event is given in Table 7.6.1.

Table 7.6.1. Event information from the REB

Origin time	Lat	Lon	Depth	m _b	Nsta	Region
1998/05/11 10:13:44.2	27.0716	71.7612	0.0	5.0	50	India-Pakistan Border Reg.

The IMS auxiliary station in Nilore, Pakistan (NIL), located 6.7 degrees away from the Indian test site, provided the P-phase with the highest SNR (937.4) for this event. NIL was the only IMS station located within regional distances, and the vertical-component recording of the Indian test is shown in Fig. 7.6.2. The highest SNR relative to the background noise level was found between 1 and 2 Hz for both the P and the Lg phase, and this filter was used prior to the calculation of STA traces. A 1.5 second STA length was used for P, and for the longer duration Lg phase an STA length of 8 seconds was used.

The remaining 10 stations used for monitoring were all located at teleseismic distances, and only P-phases were considered for calculation of the magnitude thresholds. The list of stations, and the TM processing parameters derived from the recordings of the 11 May 1998 explosion are given in Table 7.6.2.

Table 7.6.2. TM Processing Parameters Derived from the Recordings of the 11 May 1998 Indian Nuclear Test

Station	Distance (deg)	Phase	SNR in REB	Theo. ray para- meter (s/deg)	Obs. slowness (s/deg)	Obs. back azimuth (s/deg)	Freq. band (Hz)	STA length	Travel time	Mag. calib.	St. dev of calib.
NIL	6.68	P	937.4	13.73	-	•	1.0 - 2.0	1.5	102.1	1.67	0.15
-	-	Lg	(3.8)	33.04	-	-	1.0 - 2.0	8.0	223.2	2.20	0.15
NRIS	43.05	P	191.1	8.10	-	-	2.0 - 4.0	3.0	482.0	3.90	0.15
FINES	45.87	P	80.3	7.90	7.34	120.37	2.0 - 4.0	3.0	505.3	3.73	0.15
GERES	49.39	P	43.3	7.65	6.95	95.05	1.0 - 2.0	1.5	532.4	4.16	0.15
ARCES	50.16	P	182.6	7.59	7.53	125.88	2.0 - 4.0	3.0	538.9	3.51	0.15
HFS	51.10	P	56.0	7.52	5.83	121.7	2.0 - 4.0	2.0	544.7	3.70	0.15
BGCA	5 5.19	P	174.0	7.23	-	-	1.5 - 3.5	2.0	576.1	3.87	0.15
SPITS	56.81	P	190.0	7.11	9.38	124.59	2.5 - 5.0	2.5	587.8	3.98	0.15
ASAR	78.39	P	199.3	5.53	5.67	307.3	1.0 - 3.0	2.5	724.6	4.03	0.15
ILAR	83.65	P	157.0	5.12	3.93	323.11	1.0 - 3.0	2.5	750.8	3.98	0.15
YKA	90.60	P	238.0	4.65	5.02	349.59	1.5 - 3.0	2.5	785.8	4.94	0.15

Fig. 7.6.3 shows the results from site-specific threshold monitoring of a five-hour time interval around the 11 May 1998 Indian nuclear test, using the processing parameters derived from the nuclear test itself. The top trace shows the combined network thresholds, and the following seven traces show the thresholds derived from each of seven selected stations (P-phase only). Notice the enhanced monitoring capability when NIL data are available.

The time tolerances were set to accommodate a target area with a radius of 25 km around the explosion site. Several distinct peaks are seen on the threshold traces for the individual arrays, but for the network trace the only significant peak corresponds to the nuclear test. With available NIL data, the 90% magnitude thresholds during noise conditions vary around m_b 2.4. For time intervals without available NIL data, the magnitude thresholds increase to about m_b 2.9. We would also like to emphasize that the peak on the network threshold trace caused by the nuclear test has a value that is slightly lower than the actual event magnitude. In cases when an event occurs in the target region, the threshold calculations should be replaced by the maximum likelihood estimate of the event magnitude.

According to the Indian authorities, two explosions of 0.5 and 0.3 kt took place on 13 May 1998, with origin time 06:51 GMT. No signals were detected by the IMS stations, and we have calculated the magnitude threshold (90% upper magnitude limit) of the reported event, using the processing parameters derived from the Indian test of 11 May 1998.

Fig. 7.6.4 shows magnitude thresholds for a four-hour time interval around the announced nuclear test, using different combinations of stations. The middle trace shows the magnitude threshold calculated from all the stations listed in Table 7.6.2. From this trace we read that the reported event had an upper magnitude limit of m_b 2.4. Except for a small peak at 07:08, caused by a P-phase at NIL from an m_b 4.5 event in Java, Indonesia, the upper magnitude limit stays below m_b 2.5 for a long time interval around the reported origin time.

The magnitude thresholds calculated from NIL data only are shown in the upper trace of Fig. 7.6.4. When comparing this trace to the magnitude thresholds calculated from all stations, shown in the middle trace, we see practically no lowering of the magnitude thresholds. This implies that during background noise conditions, NIL data alone can effectively be used to place an upper magnitude limit on possible events located at the Indian test site. However, if interfering events occur, especially local events near NIL, but at sites different from the target site, the remaining stations will provide important contributions to lowering the thresholds.

The lower trace of Fig. 7.6.4 shows the magnitude thresholds calculated without using data from NIL. With this teleseismic station configuration, an upper magnitude limit of m_b 2.9 can be placed on the reported event.

The TM processing parameters derived from the 11 May 1998 Indian nuclear test can also be used for continuous assessment of the detection capability of the network. For the same four-hour interval around the announced Indian test of 13 May 1998, we have estimated the three-station detection capability of the network. An SNR of 4 was required for detection, and the capabilities were estimated at the 90% probability level.

The upper trace of Fig. 7.6.5 shows the detection capability of all stations listed in Table 7.6.2, and we find for the four-hour interval values slightly below m_b 3.5. The detection capability without the use of NIL data (teleseismic data only) is shown in the lower trace, and we find values slightly above m_b 3.5. This small difference is not surprising, since the three-station detection capability is effectively dependent on the 3rd best station. One additional good station may not make much difference.

Conclusions

From observations of the 11 May 1998 Indian nuclear test we have derived optimum processing parameters for the eleven IMS stations assumed to have the best detection capability for the Indian test site. Our results can be summarized as follows:

- The magnitude threshold of the current IMS primary network for the Indian test site is around m_b 2.9 during normal noise conditions. The stations of this network are located at teleseismic distances from the test site.
- During background noise conditions, regional data from the Nilore (NIL) station alone provides magnitude threshold of about m_b 2.4 for the Indian test site. Supplementing NIL data with data from the other teleseismic IMS stations does not lower the magnitude thresholds during normal noise conditions, but is important if interfering events occur.
- During background noise conditions, the IMS three-station detection capability vary around m_b 3.5, both with and without the use of NIL data. This illustrates that supplementing a network with one additional good station does not necessarily improve significantly the threestation detection capability of the network.

The upper magnitude limit of the announced Indian nuclear test of 13 May 1998 is estimated at:

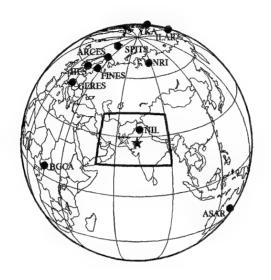
- m_b 2.4 using NIL data (distance 700 km) either alone or in combination with teleseismic IMS data
- m_b 2.9 using teleseismic IMS data only

Except for a small threshold peak caused by a P-phase at NIL from an m_b 4.5 event in Java, Indonesia, the upper magnitude limit stays below m_b 2.5 for several hours around the reported origin time of the 13 May 1998 event.

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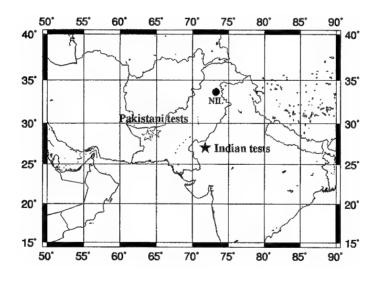


Fig. 7.6.1. The upper map shows the locations of the stations used for threshold monitoring of the Indian nuclear test site. The area within the rectangle is expanded in the lower map, where the filled star indicates the location of the Indian explosions, and the open stars indicate the location of the Pakistani explosions of 28 May and 30 May 1998.

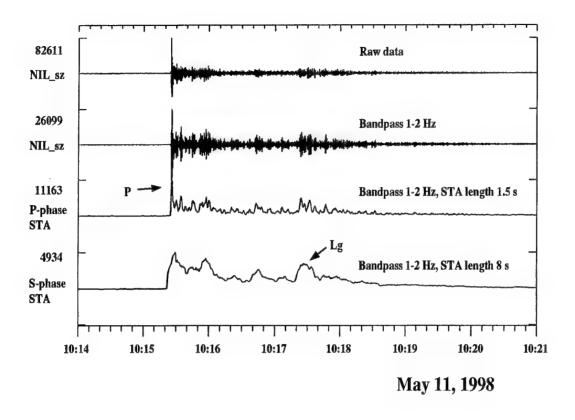


Fig. 7.6.2. Panel showing Nilore recording of the Indian nuclear test of 11 May 1998. The upper trace shows the raw data of the vertical-component sensor, and the second trace shows the same data filtered in the band 1-2 Hz. The two lower traces show the STA traces used for representing the amplitudes of the P and Lg phases. Notice that different STA lengths were used for P and Lg.

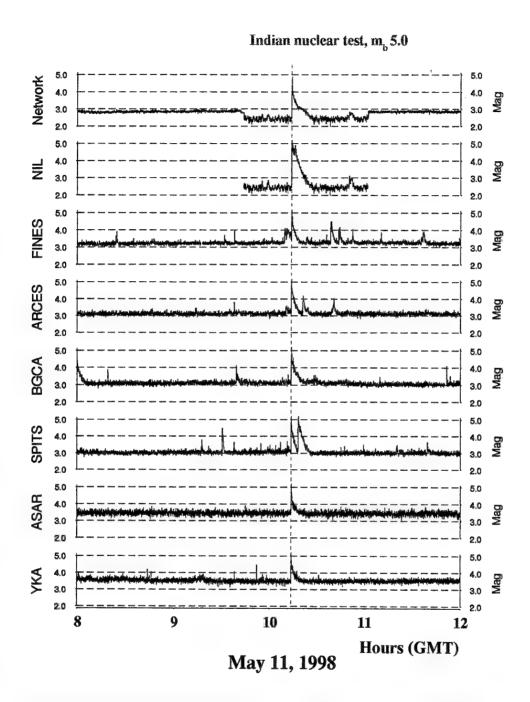


Fig. 7.6.3. Site-specific Threshold Monitoring of a 5-hour time interval around the Indian nuclear test, using the processing parameters given in Table 7.6.2. The plot shows the individual P-phases (STA traces) for 7 selected stations, with the combined network threshold trace on top. The time tolerances were set to accommodate a target area with a radius of 25 km around the explosion site. Notice the improved monitoring capability when NIL data are available. The only significant peak on the network threshold trace corresponds to the nuclear test.

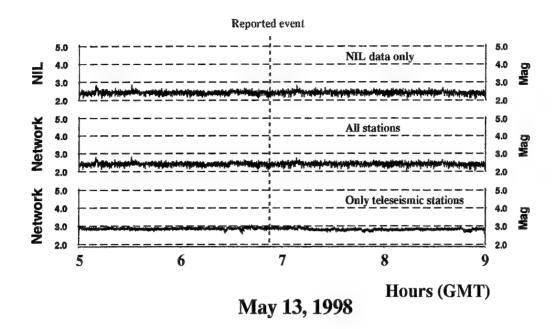


Fig. 7.6.4. The plot shows magnitude thresholds for a four-hour time interval around the announced Indian nuclear test of 13 May 1998. The upper trace shows the magnitude threshold calculated from NIL data only, using the P and Lg processing parameters derived from the 11 May event. The middle trace shows the magnitude threshold calculated from all stations listed in Table 7.6.2. The lower trace shows the magnitude threshold calculated without using data from NIL (i.e., teleseismic stations only).

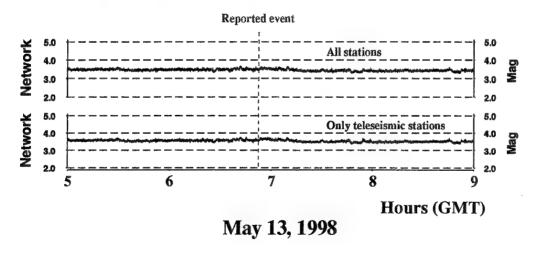


Fig. 7.6.5. The plot shows the three-station detection capability at the 90% level for a four-hour time interval around the announced Indian nuclear test of 13 May 1998. An SNR of 4 was required for detection. The upper trace shows the detection capability of all stations listed in Table 7.6.2, whereas the lower trace shows the detection capability estimated without the use of NIL data (teleseismic data only).

7.7 Status Report: Norway's participation in GSETT-3

Introduction

This contribution is a report for the period April - September 1998 on activities associated with Norway's participation in the GSETT-3 experiment, which is now being coordinated by Prep-Com's Working Group B. This report represents an update of contributions that can be found in the previous five editions of NORSAR's Semiannual Technical Summary.

Norwegian GSETT-3 stations and communications arrangements

During the reporting interval 1 April - 30 September 1998, Norway has provided data to the GSETT-3 experiment from the three seismic stations shown in Fig. 7.7.1. The NORSAR array (station code NOA) is a 60 km aperture teleseismic array, comprised of 7 subarrays, each containing six vertical short period sensors and a three-component broadband instrument. ARCES is a 25-element regional array with an aperture of 3 km, whereas the Sptisbergen array (station code SPITS) has 9 elements within a 1-km aperture. ARCES and SPITS both have a broadband three-component seismometer at the array center.

Data from these three stations are transmitted continuously and in real time to NOR_NDC. The NOA data are transmitted using dedicated land lines, whereas data from the other two arrays are transmitted via satellite links of capacity 64 Kbits/s and 19.2 Kbits/s for the ARCES and SPITS arrays, respectively. From the NOR_NDC, relevant data (see below) are forwarded to the prototype IDC (PIDC) in Arlington, Virginia, USA, via a dedicated fiber optical 256 Kbits/s link between the two centers.

The NOA and ARCES arrays are primary stations in the GSETT-3 network, which implies that data from these stations are transmitted continuously to the PIDC with a delay not exceeding 5 minutes. The SPITS array is an auxiliary station in GSETT-3, and the SPITS data are available to the PIDC on a request basis via use of the AutoDRM protocol (Kradolfer, 1993; Kradolfer, 1996). The Norwegian stations are thus participating in GSETT-3 with the same status (primary/auxiliary seismic stations) they have in the International Monitoring System (IMS) defined in the protocol to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty.

Uptimes and data availability

Figs. 7.7.2 - 7.7.3 show the monthly uptimes for the Norwegian GSETT-3 primary stations ARCESS and NOA, respectively, for the period 1 April - 30 September 1998, given as the hatched (taller) bars in these figures. These barplots reflect the percentage of the waveform data that are available in the NOR_NDC tape archives for these two arrays. The downtimes inferred from these figures thus represent the cumulative effect of field equipment outages, station site to NOR_NDC communication outage, and NOR_NDC data acquisition outages.

Figs. 7.7.2-7.7.3 also give the data availability for these two stations as reported by the PIDC in the PIDC Station Status reports. The main reason for the discrepancies between the NOR_NDC and PIDC data availabilities as observed from these figures is the difference in the ways the two data centers report data availability for arrays: Whereas NOR_NDC reports an array station to be up and available if at least one channel produces useful data, the PIDC uses

weights where the reported availability (capability) is based on the number of actually operating channels.

Experience with the AutoDRM protocol

NOR_NDC's AutoDRM has been operational since November 1995 (Mykkeltveit & Baadshaug, 1996).

The PIDC started actively and routinely using NOR_NDC's AutoDRM service after SPITS changed its station status from primary to auxiliary on 1 October 1996. For the month of October 1996, the NOR_NDC AutoDRM responded to 12338 requests for SPITS waveforms from two different accounts at the PIDC: 9555 response messages were sent to the "pipeline" account and 2783 to "testbed". Following this initial burst of activity, the number of "pipeline" requests stabilized at a level between 5000 and 7000 per month. Requests from the "testbed" account show large variations.

The monthly number of requests for SPITS data for the period April - September 1998 is shown in Fig. 7.7.4.

NDC automatic processing and data analysis

These tasks have proceeded in accordance with the descriptions given in Mykkeltveit and Baadshaug (1996). For the period April - September 1998, NOR_NDC derived information on 491 supplementary events in northern Europe and submitted this information to the Finnish NDC as the NOR_NDC contribution to the joint Nordic Supplementary (Gamma) Bulletin, which in turn is forwarded to the PIDC. These events are plotted in Fig. 7.7.5.

Data forwarding for GSETT-3 stations in other countries

NOR_NDC continues to forward data to the PIDC from GSETT-3 primary stations in several countries. These currently include FINESS (Finland), GERESS (Germany) and Sonseca (Spain). In addition, communications for the GSETT-3 auxiliary station at Nilore, Pakistan, are provided through a VSAT satellite link between NOR_NDC and Pakistan's NDC in Nilore. The PIDC obtains data from the Hagfors array (HFS) in Sweden through requests to the Auto-DRM server at NOR_NDC (in the same way requests for Spitsbergen array data are handled, see above). Fig. 7.7.6 shows the monthly number of requests for HFS data from the two PIDC accounts "pipeline" and "testbed".

Future plans

NOR_NDC will continue the efforts towards improvements and hardening of all critical data acquisition and data forwarding hardware and software components, so as to meet future requirements related to operation of IMS stations to the maximum extent possible.

The PrepCom has tasked its Working Group B with overseeing, coordinating, and evaluating the GSETT-3 experiment until the end of 1998. The PrepCom has also encouraged states that operate IMS-designated stations to continue to do so on a voluntary basis and in the framework of the GSETT-experiment until such time that the stations have been certified for formal inclu-

sion in IMS. In line with this, and provided that adequate funding is obtained, we envisage continuing the provision of data from Norwegian IMS-designated stations without interruption to the PIDC, and later on, following certification, to the IDC in Vienna, via the new global communications infrastructure currently being elaborated by the PrepCom.

The certification process for NOA was initiated by an overview station inspection visit by a PTS (Provisional Technical Secretariat of the PrepCom) team in mid-June 1998. We are currently (1 October 1998) awaiting the PTS report on their findings during this visit.

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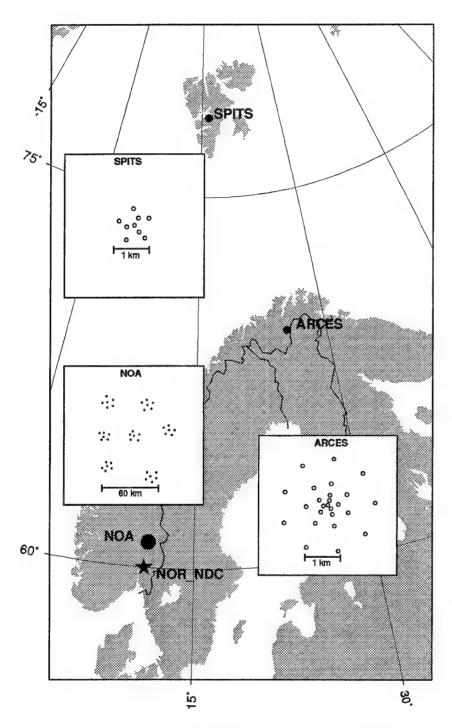


Fig. 7.7.1. The figure shows the locations and configurations of the three Norwegian seismic array stations that have provided data to the GSETT-3 experiment during the period 1 April - 30 September 1998. The data from these stations are transmitted continuously and in real time to the Norwegian NDC (NOR_NDC). The stations NOA and ARCES have participated in GSETT-3 as primary stations, whereas SPITS has contributed as an auxiliary station.

ARCES data availability at NDC and PIDC

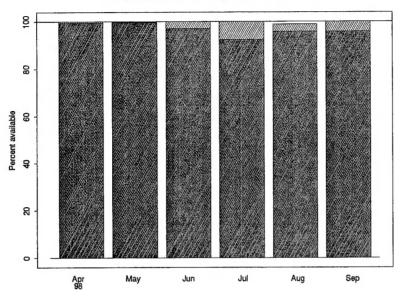


Fig. 7.7.2. The figure shows the monthly availability of ARCESS array data for the period April - September 1998 at NOR_NDC and the PIDC. See the text for explanation of differences in definition of the term "data availability" between the two centers. The higher values (hatched bars) represent the NOR_NDC data availability.

NOA data availability at NDC and PIDC

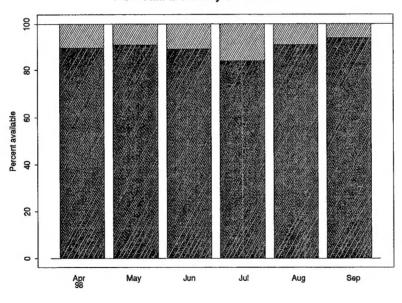


Fig. 7.7.3. The figure shows the monthly availability of NORSAR array data for the period April - September 1998 at NOR_NDC and the PIDC. See the text for explanation of differences in definition of the term "data availability" between the two centers. The higher values (hatched bars) represent the NOR_NDC data availability.

AutoDRM SPITS requests received by NOR_NDC from pipeline and testbed

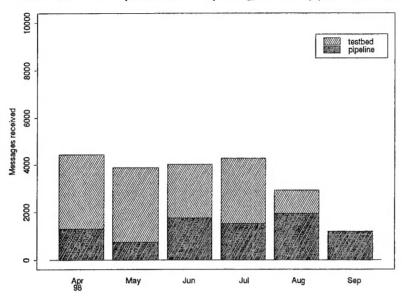


Fig. 7.7.4. The figure shows the monthly number of requests received by NOR_NDC from the PIDC for SPITS waveform segments during April - September 1998.

Reviewed Supplementary events

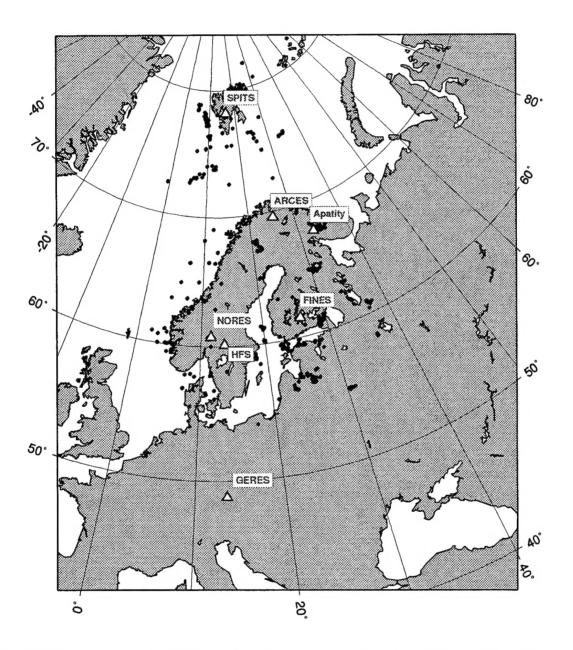


Fig. 7.7.5. The map shows the 491 events in and around Norway contributed by NOR_NDC during April - September 1998 as Supplementary (Gamma) data to the PIDC, as part of the Nordic Supplementary data compiled by the Finnish NDC. The map also shows the seismic stations used in the data analysis to define these events.

AutoDRM HFS requests received by NOR_NDC from pipeline and testbed

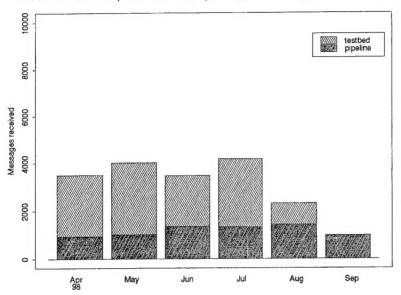


Fig. 7.7.6. The figure shows the monthly number of requests received by NOR_NDC from the PIDC for HFS waveform segments during April - September 1998.